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# War declared on 'cheating' Tories

POLITICAL EDITOR

Labour and LibDems end parliamentary co-operation after Government 'rigs' fishing vote

LABOUR and the Liberal Democrats have refused to cooperate with the Government in all future Commons divisions after accusing it of cheating in Monday's fishing

The spectre of ministers regularly being dragged back to Westminster from overseas visits and sick MPs being wheeled in for crucial votes throughout the final months of the present parliament faced ministers after the opposition parties announced they were ending "pairing" deals with

the Government. Amid unprecedented accusations of breaching the faith and trust on which the running of Parliament depends, it emerged that the Conservatives had "paired" three of their MPs in Monday's vote with three Labour MPs and three Liberal Democrat MPs. Three Tories had simply "taken out" six Opposition

The result of the "double counting" was that the Government's majority of 11

should have been eight. What compounded the outrage of Donald Dewar, the Labour Chief Whip, and Archy Kirk-wood, his Liberal counterpart, was that if the nine Ulster Unionists had voted against the Government rather than abstained it would have lost

And they emphasised at Westminster last night that when the two deals were done ministers had no way of knowing which way the Unionists would vote. The

Government therefore faced accusations from all sides that it had cheated to avoid being defeated. Its punishment will be a prolonged period of guerrilla warfare leading up to the election.

Pairing is the longstanding convenience at Westminster under which the Government matches one of its own MPs who needs to be absent with an Opposition MP in a similar situation. They then cancel each other out in the vote.

when the Labour and Liberal Democrat whips checked their figures. They had been unable to understand why the Government's majority was so other minority party MPs had turned up.

They were assonished to find that some of their MPs had been paired with the same

It was being suggested last night that the practice of double-counting may have

but had not been discovered through lack of cross-checking. At the centre of the controversy last night was Derek Conway, the Conservative pairing whip, who concluded separate deals with George Mudie, his Labour opposite number, and Mr Kirkwood.

Last Thursday he and Mr Mudie apparently agreed that the Tory MPs Terry Dicks and Walter Sweeney should be paired with the Labour MPs Norman Godman and Gareth

duced a "smoking memo" - a handwritten note from Mr Conway to Mr Mudie, dated Monday. It read: "George, Wardell. On Friday afternoon Two further names as prumised - K. Speed, R. Shepherd. Mr Conway and Mr Kirkwood agreed that the Conser-4/4, Yours Derek." vative Sir Keith Speed should Several hours after the accube paired with Sir Russell sations were levelled there

Johnston, Mr Sweeney with was no official government reaction last night. Paddy Ashdown, and Mr Dicks with David Alton. But privately senior whips As the tension rose in the Commons on Monday afterdid not attempt to deny the deals. It was said that Labour noon the Labour agreement was completed when Mr and the Liberal Democrats were being "bad losers", and that if the Labour and Liberal

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# Saunders trial was unfair, Euro court says

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent, and Carol Midgley

TWO HUNDRED fraud prosecutions appeared to be at risk last night after the European Court of Human Rights ruled that the trial of the former Guinness chief Ernest Saunders was imfair. -

The court said that evidence Mr Saunders was forced to give during a City investiga-tion should not have been used against him in his trial in 1990. By sixteen to four, the judges said that the use of the material amounted to "a remarkable departure from one of the basic principles of fair

procedure". But the court rejected his demands for £4.5 million compensation and reduced his claim for nearly £340,000 in costs and expenses to £75,000.

The Government expressed dismay at the ruling and said that it was examining the court's decision to determine whether the law should be changed. The Serious Fraud Office said that it would resist all attempts to quash Mr Saunders's conviction or to award him compensation in

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Department of Trade and Industry officials have identified some 200 pending cases in various stages of investigation where material has been similarly obtained, and which may now be at risk if it cannot be used to support a prosecution.

Mr Saunders, who was later involved in a clash with a elevision reporter over his apparent recovery from the irreversible Alzheimer's disease, said after the ruling:



Newsreader Jon Snow Had these interviews not

been used, I would have been acquitted. I do feel myself to be an innocent man. This is just the tip of the iceberg in a totally unfair and politically managed process to which I have been subjected. I never considered giving up this battle. It was not about compensation, but the vindication of my good name."

He and his legal advisers

were "considering all options open to us legally and other-wise", including trying to have his conviction referred back to the Court of Appeal. Mr Saunders was jailed for five years in 1990 for his part in a share price-rigging racket

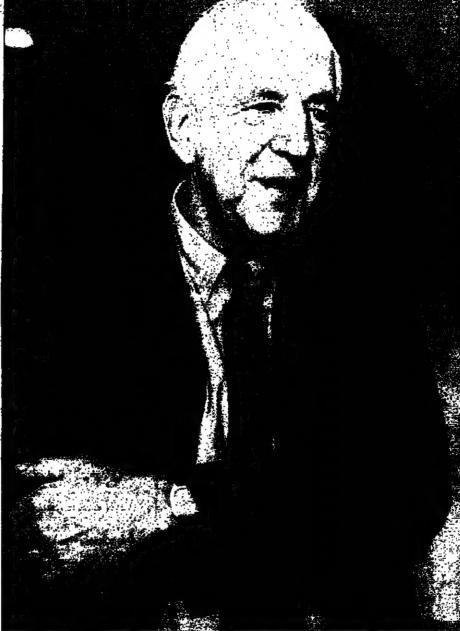
connected with the Guinness takeover of Distillers. But his sentence was halved on appeal and he served only ten months in an open prison until a doctor said that he appeared to have symptoms of incurable pre-senile dementia The doctor later admitted

that his diagnosis had been wrong and Mr Saunders, who has since out his illness down to stress, has gone on to carve out a lucrative career as a Yesterday his victory press

conference at St.James's Club, Piccadilly, descended into farce as his spokesman became involved in a slanging match with the Channel 4 newsreader Jon Snow, Mr Saunders, an suntanned figure of 6ft 2ins. looked bernused but stayed silent as George Devlin, a selfstyled human rights consultant, suggested that Mr Snow leave after he repeatedly asked Mr Saunders whether he considered himself a crook and about his apparent "recovery" from Alzheimer's disease

Mr Devlin, who has advised the former Guinness chairman for six years, insisted: "Mr Saunders is not a crook". The DTI investigation had stuff" and extremely intimidatory, with interrogations in windowless rooms.

But he refused to let journalists address his client directly and intercepted virtually all questions to avoid, he said, prejudicing possible further legal action. When Mr Saunders was asked about his health and whether he had duped the taxpayer and the medical profession by feigning dementia, Mr Devlin said: "A doctor gave a diagnosis and that doctor has publicly stated that he was wrong on his



Ernest Saunders, smiling but silent after his European court victory yesterday

words acknowledging his

Though the coin will be the

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you have any problems with that I suggest you take it up

But Mr Snow, whose 85year-old mother, Joan, suffers from Alzheimer's and lives in a nursing home, declared Mr Devlin a "fraudster" for callallowing the subject to speak. "This is absurd, it is a nonsense", Mr Snow said. "There he is, the only person in the world to have recovered from

Alzheimer's and he is not even able to speak for himself." He told Mr Devlin: "You are not a civil rights man, you are a denial of free speech man. You have stood squarely in the way

of perfectly decent question-

pre-arranged interview with the BBC was also called off after Mr Saunders said he did not want to be asked any questions other than his reaction to the judgment.

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### Judge complains

A judge at Truro Crown Court lained that 46 forms had had to be filled in to satisfy the "paper lust" of bureaucrats and bring to court a youth he sentencing for Page 3

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### New £2 will be coin of two colours

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE Treasury yesterday un-veiled Britain's new £2 coin the first to use two colours. It is embellished with a design tracing technological devclopment from the Iron Age to the Intercet.

The reverse of the £2 piece, to go into circulation in November, was designed by a Norfolk art teacher - Bruce Rushin of the Flegg High School at Martham His work was chosen from 1,200 entries in open competition. The obverse bears the Queen's portrait by the sculpfor Raphael Maklouf that is featured on existing coinage. The new coin has a white

centre and yellow outer ring

- comparable to France's

rather less valuable Fr10 coin

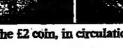
that has been in circulation

for some years. The centre is

in copro-nickel, the same

material as the 5p, 10p and

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in nickel-brass, a formula slightly different from that of

The 12 coin is larger than the fi one, measuring 28.4mm in diameter, compared with 22.5mm.

Mr Rushin's choice of

theme was deemed especially appropriate, the Royal Mint said, because it will be using all its most modern production techniques to have mil-

Two sides of the £2 coin, in circulation from November

50p coins, and the outer band

were very keen to seek a fresh approach and Mr Rushin's design is an admirable

lions of the coins ready for general circulation. Angela Knight. Economic Secretary to the Treasury. said at the unveiling: "The competition clearly captured the public's imagination. We

To make the coin more difficult to forge, the image seen on the centre depends

### Manchester loses out to Wembley milled edge bears an inscription: "Standing on the Shoul-ders of Giants", Newton's

WEMBLEY has been named as the site for the new national stadium and Manchester, its main rival, has been given the consolation prize of £60 million towards the cost of a stadium for the Commonwealth

tive designs since 1986, when The long-expected decision to plump for the Venue of one commemorated that year's Commonwealth Legends" ahead of the bid by Manchester was confirmed by United Kingdom Sports Coun-"The commemorative coins are issued to banks and Post cil chairman, Sir Rodney Offices at face value and are Walker, in London yesterday. legal tender," Graham Dyer of the Royal Mint said yester-Now it has the chance to bid for the World Cup, the Olymnic Games and the athletics day. "It was not our intention that they should be used as World Cup in the next century. National Lottery funding will spending money, but quite a provide almost half of the cost The new £2 circulating coin of the £210-£230 million facelift for the most famous will be available in collector sporting site in the country. versious in gold, silver and

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### Jackal questioned over attack on ex-M&S chief

By Joanna Bale and Ben Macintyre in Paris

BRITISH police yesterday questioned Carlos the Jackal, the jailed terrorist mastermind in Paris, over the shooting of a former Marks & Spencer chairman and the bombing of a London bank in

Speed and Richard Shepherd

were offered as pairs for the ill

Martin Redmond and Jimmy

Dunnachie. Mr Dewar pro

the early 1970s. Two Scotland Yard officers travelled from London to interview him at a law court after a previous attempt to question him foundered last month when he refused to cooperate. The Venezualanborn convict -- real name Illich Ramirez Sanchez -- did not admit involvement in the attacks and dismissed the investigations as "Zionist provocations"

The Yard officers focussed on the attempted assassination in December 1973 of Joseph Sieff, the late M&S chairman, outside his London home, and on the bombing in January 1974 of the Israeli Hapoalim Bank in the City.

Mr Sieff, who was vicepresident of the Zionist Federation in Britain which raises aid for Israel, survived after being shot in the face. The

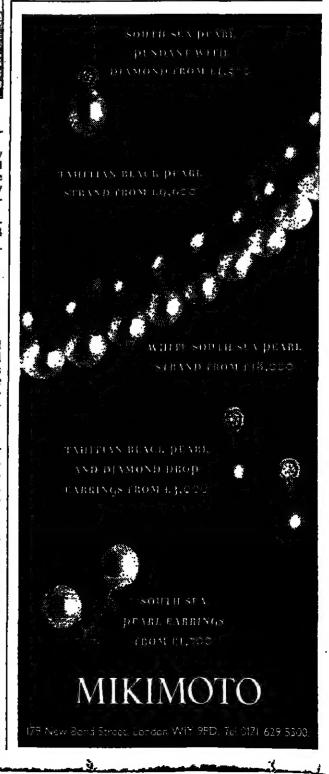
Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which Carlos backed at the time. claimed responsibility for the shooting.

Carlos reportedly told Al Watan al Arabi, a Paris-based magazine, in 1979 that he had been responsible for both the shooting and the bank bombing. But since his arrest in August 1994 Carlos has said the interview was a fake. Last month, Carlos refused

to leave his prison cell to meet British officers, accusing his guards of taking away his belt. Prison guards routinely take belts and shoelaces away from inmates to prevent possible

French police have accused Carlos of killing 83 people in a series of attacks in Europe and the Middle East. His boldest attack was the kidnapping of il Opec oil ministers in Vienna

A Yard spokeswoman said: "Two officers are currently in France liaising with the French authorities as part of routine inquiries. Nothing new has emerged."



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### Pairing proves scandals never come singly

the Stalking Bill sat Jeff Ennis (Lab), the new-boy by-election victor from Barnsley East. He was almost alone on the Opposition benches. He looked totally bewildered. Perhaps he was too frightened to go anywhere else.

His fears are justified. At least the lights are on in the Chamber. The dark corridors of Westminster are far scarier. One of the curiosities of this administration's dying weeks has been the torchlight beaming into corners rarely illuminated before.

First there was David Willetts blinking in the glare, pencil in hand, whip's note before him. And now the light

arrangements. Let me explain

Pairing is normally a longterm arrangement a Tory MP and a Labour MP arrange to consult each other regularly and to pair on votes where it suits both to be absent. But ad made for a particular vote: a sort of one-night stand. A Tory cannot normally register a Liberal Democrat as a pair, but in exceptional votes where what counts is the headline

figure of all opposition votes combined, this might happen. Pairing is not normally arranged through the whips but directly between MP and



ing" whips from both sides

meet regularly to confirm lists

and consider awkward cases.

"I've got a backbencher on his deathbed in East Anglia;

A Tory could not have

paired simultaneously with

both a Labour and a Liberal

Democrat MP and simply

registered this; the messen-gers would have checked with

their bosses. Of course, noth-

ing would be easier than to

cheat. You can do it by more

whom can you offer me?"

whips' messengers — servants of the House, good men doing bad men's dirty work. They inhabit cupboards on each side of the Members' Lobby and deserve their MBEs. An MP alerts them to his

pairing plans in advance, seeking their approval. They check lists, If there are no problems, the whips' messengers rubber-stamp the plans. But they are answerable to the whips, who intervene in tricky or unusual situations. Problems are referred up. "Pair-

now accused: pair one of your . backbenchers, then send him through the voting lobby anyway. But you can only do that once, for the system runs on trust and is actually of more use to the Government than to the Opposition.

Without an operational

pairing scheme, government Members must be on hand to vote at all times, whereas the appear sporadically and to make lightning strikes.

If the latest row has arisen from an innocent mistake, this is likely to have occurred at the level of the junior whips at least. If the Tories really have cheated, they will have done so

that a government defeat after the European fisheries debate would have been even worse news than the allegation of cheating; and that there was a chance that the opposition whips might not spot the sharp practice.
Indeed it is whispered that

the ruse may have been used before, without the Labour whips - in the past an often dozy bunch - spotting it. Donald Dewar may simply be the first Opposition Chief Whip to notice, talk to the Liberals, and compare notes. The Tories will just have to brazen it out, for apologies will achieve little: Mr Dewar is unlikely to call a ceasefire.

### EU welcomes cull of 100,000 more cattle

European Union farm ministers yesterday cautiously welcomed Britain's decision to slaughter 100,000 more cattle, but said it could still be a long time before a han on

British beef exports was lifted. Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, told his European counterparts that Britain would go ahead with a selective cattle cuil. At an EU farm ministers meeting in Brussels, he said that there was little scientific evidence against a selective cull. He added that Britain would consider extending the cull to cover cattle affected by maternal transmission if this was scientifically justified. Franz Fischler, the EU Commissioner for Agriculture, welcomed Mr Hogg's statement but expressed frustration with the delay. He told Mr Hogg, "It might have been better in terms of consumer confidence if this decision had

### Tories seek caning vote

Conservative ministers last night fought off backbench moves to reintroduce corporal punishment in state schools but were told that they will face another challenge early in bureaucra the new year. Tory MPs backed away from an early vote on caning in schools during passage of the Education Bill but made it clear that they will press for a full vote in the Common in spite of John Major's opposition to corporal

### Outbreak's 13th victim

An elderly woman became the thirteenth victim of the Ecoli 0157 food poisoning outbreak yesterday. She was the third victim at Bankview Nursing Home, Banknock, in the Forth Valley area. Yesterday 234 people across Scotland were said to be infected with the bacteria after tests confirmed a further II cases in Lanarkshire. Numbers showing symptoms of food poisoning rose by one to 405.

### Store blackmailer jailed

stores with syringes filled with HIV-contaminated blood was jailed for four years at the Old Bailey. Barry Dixon, 47, of Basildon, Esser, admitted demanding £100,000 from the supermarket chain. He told the company to leave the money beside the ALZ7 near Basildon, but was caught after

### Jobs clear of stalking

Michael Howard has made clear that the legitimate activities of journalists, salesmen, political canvassers, debt collectors and private investigators would not be threatened by the Government's Bill to combat stalking. He said the Protection from Harassment Bill, which is due to complete its Commons stages today, would provide a defence of "acting reasonably".

### Advertising squad

Company logos of commercial sponsors could appear on police uniforms and squad cars in the City of London under plans to raise extra cash. The force hopes that sponsorship deals could provide an extra £600,000 per year, but a spokesman said any sponsor's logo would be discreetly placed. The police are setting up guidelines and making a list of possible firms to be approached.

### Inquest adjourned

An inquest into the death of a motorist stabbed in a "road rage" incident was opened and adjourned today. The five-minute hearing was told that police found 25-year-old Lee Harvey, an unemployed bus driver, with horrific stab wounds on a country lane in Hereford and Worcester on December 1. No members of Mr Harvey's family attended the inquest at Stourbridge in the West Midlands.

### Grant for gays attacked

A lottery grant of £75,000 which will belp homosexual prostitutes and gay men to claim social security benefits was criticised by community groups yesterday. The money will be paid over the next three years to provide an extra outreach worker in Yorkshire for the national charity MESMAC — Men Who Enjoy Sex With Men Action In The Community — which gives welfare and health advice.

### Christmas lights alert

Thousands of sets of Christmas tree lights from Taiwan have been fitted with inferior power plugs. Trading stan-dards officers in Cheshire said the plugs, copies of a brand called PMS (model number 9248), can fall apart when used. Officers are satisfied the plugs were not fitted by the importers. Four Seasons, of Knutsford, which has advised customers to return the lights to shops for a refund.

### Ruby Murray dies

Ruby Murray, left, the 1950s singing star, has died at the age of 61. Known as the "heartbeat" girl, she set a chart record by having five records in the Top 20 simultaneously, a feat equalied since only by Elvis Presley and Madonna. Her best remembered hits were some of her earliest, Heartbeat and Softly Softly, her theme tune. She continued

to perform until last year. Obituary, page 19

Hello, sailors!

A hospitality scheme intended to offer warmth and comfort to 210 homesick American sailors aboard the USS Aubrey Fitch moored at Plymouth has attracted offers of help from adventurous single women as well as families. The scheme, called Dial-A-Sailor, has received 300 calls in three days. Most offer Christmas dinner, but others are from women wanting to meet a sailor of a particular age group.

### Mr Jonathan Aitken MP: an apology

THE TIMES apologised in the High Court yesterday to Jonathan Aitken MP, a former Chief Secretary to the Treasury, over an article published

on November 14 The article reported the previous day's decision of the Court of Appeal on the subject of the citizenship of Mohamed Al Fayed and his brother. Mr Justin Rushbrooke, for Mr Aitken, said: In the course of that report it was stated

that the Al Fayeds were

the source of the current 'sleaze' allegations and were involved in 'cash for questions' accusations surrounding former ministers. The newspaper, unfortunately, quite erroneously included Aitken's name as among those

of the former ministers. This serious and damaging accusation is, of course, wholly untrue. Mr Aitken has never been paid by Mr Al Fayed nor by anybody else to ask questions in

Parliament. I should also

add that this allegation has never been made by Mr

Mohamed Al Fayed himself. Times Newspapers have promptly recognised their error and have agreed to apologise for this untrue statement, to pay Mr Aitken an appropriate sum of damages and to pay all his legal costs."

Miss Patricia Burge, for The Times, said that the reference to Mr Aitken in the article was an unfortunate error and unreservedly applogised to him.

### Howard refuses to reopen 'tainted' cases against IRA

MICHAEL HOWARD an President Clinton nounced yesterday that the cases of 14 convicted IRA terrorists would not be reopened following an investigation into explosives contamination at a government scientific laboratory. The Home Secretary told

MPs that an independent inquiry into evidence had found that samples examined at the laboratory had not been affected by a contaminated centrifuge machine. But he said lawvers for 13 men and a dead woman, convicted of some of the most serious IRA bombing attacks in recent years, could make further representations about the convictions.

Mr Howard was speaking after a report by Brian Caddy director of the Forensic Science Institute at Strathelyde University, into contamina-tion at the Forensic Explosives Laboratory at Fort Halstead in Kent. It concluded that the results had produced a true measure of the presence of the explosive RDX, which is found

Mr Howard said: "We note Professor Caddy's key conclusion that the safety of criminal convictions is not in question as a result of the discovery of

tempted to put new life into the Irish peace process yesterday as he joined Bruton, the Taoiseach, in demanding an IRA ceasefire in Ulster. "We can't make peace until we end vio-lence ... I want to reiterate my call for the IRA to words as well as deeds," Mr Clinton said, in his first detailed comments on Ireland since his reelection. "If they do that I am convinced that Sinn Fein will be invited to

Professor Caddy began his inquiry after traces of RDX were discovered in a piece of machinery at the laboratory in March. His 43-page report, which reviewed all the scientific data in 124 cases between 1988-1996 in which RDX was found, criticised quality assurance tests and other omissions. His own tests found that the explosive traces could have had no "observable effect" on the relevant samples. But he found that the centrifuge had

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participate in the talks."

since its installation. It was a "scientific oversight which is unacceptable and is to be much criticised".

The report, which added that the consequences of the contamination could have been potentially disastrous, made 18 recommendations, including tighter procedures and changes to existing practices and equipment at the laboratory. The Government has accepted 17 of them.

His most far-reaching recommendation was the creation of an independent Inspectorate of Forensic Science to monitor the laboratories. Mr Howard said that he accepted that recommendation in principle, but would weigh up its merits against the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice's suggestion of the creation of an advisory council on forensic science.

Sean McNulty, an Englishborn IRA recruit whose case was one of those studied, was sentenced to 25 years in 1994 after being found guilty of conspiring to bomb an oil terminal and gas works on. Typeside. David Hammond. his solicitor, said he would be seeing if the contamination represented additional



### War on 'cheating' Tories

Continued from page I Democrat whips did not talk to each other, that was their problem. "Opposition liaison is nothing to do with us," one

Mr Conway declined to comment. But Mr Dewar and Mr Kirkwood said in a joint statement: "We find it impossible to believe that the double pairing could be accidental given the care with which the

sides. The pairing system is built on trust. If trust is destroyed, the system is unworkable. To offer the same pairs to Labour and Liberal Democrats in a key vote is conduct that cannot be overlooked or excused, it smacks of

deceit and dishonesty." the Government Chief, Whip, that pairing arrangments were being suspended indefi-

They told Alastair Goodlad,

machinations between the whips' offices, others were A senior backbencher said:

"We must grovel and get this over with quickly."

But Labour MPs were delighted that they had been given a perfect excuse to bring pairing to a close in the run-up

to the election and to harass

### Lyell ends catch-all gagging orders

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS are to lose the power to issue catch-all orders requesting the withholding of sensitive information in court cases.

In future, a minister wishing to protect particular papers from a court will bave to provide reasons. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, is today to outline a "harm test" governing the use of Public Interest Immunity PH certificates, also known

as gagging orders, came to prominence after the collapse of the Matrix Churchill trial, in which three men were accused of illegally exporting military equipment to Iraq. PII certificates had been used by the Government to safeguard information which defence lawyers deemed vital for a fair trial. The trial collapsed when it was dis-closed that the Government knew of the exports.

Intelligence material will also be more readily released to a court. Only in circumstances concerning the nat-ional interest or where the protection of an individual or informant is crucial will a minister be able to claim

The move represents a victory for Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister who was determined to lift the repressive nature of PIIs and make them more accept able to the public. It is also in line with Sir Richard Scott's recommendations in his report on arms to Iraq, he advocated such a "harm test", and described the use of PII certificates in criminal trials as "unthinkable".

The test will apply to the contents of a document, and to whether its very disclosure could jeopardise the Government's reputation for pro-

tecting private information. A final decision on whether papers are released will coninue to rest with the judge who will have to balance the interests of justice and the representations of a minister.

### Nurses to be given powers to prescribe

BY JILL SHERMAN

THOUSANDS more nurses will be able to prescribe drugs. and GPs will be encouraged to set up "super-surgeries" to ease pressure on hospitals. under plans announced yes-terday by the Health Secretary, Stephen Dorrell. He unveiled a White Paper

on primary healthcare containing 70 measures, which were welcomed by nurses' and doctors' leaders. The Royal College of Nursing described the proposals as the "best Christmas present nurses could have had", and the British Medical Association said that they reflected the priorities of GPs.

The White Paper proposes an extension of pilot schemes that allow nurses to prescribe drugs, so that there is one trial in every health region by next April. The aim is to introduce nurse-prescribing throughout the NHS by April 1998. The paper also includes more flexi-ble funding arrangements to allow GPs to expand their surgeries and to carry out minor operations currently

Mr Dorrell said it was in the

# conducted in hospitals.

patient's interests to have as many healthcare services as possible near by so that they did not have to travel to a large hospital. Chris Smith, Shadow Health Secretary, said that the nurse-prescribing scheme should be extended nationwide immediately.

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# Life sentence for loveless loner who murdered girl

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Claire Hood: was stalked as she played truant

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A BROODING college misfit who raped and murdered a schoolgirl after stalking her for months was inadveriently exposed by his

Neil Owen was jailed for life yesterday after being convicted of the brutal attack on Claire Hood. The 20-year-old loner, who had never had a girlfriend, strangled the teenager in woods near their homes after carefully planning how to ambush her when she next played truant.

After the five-week trial at Cardiff Crown Court, it was disclosed that Owen had been accidentally trapped by his mother when police called during one of the biggest genetic fingerprinting operations.

conduct a DNA test on Owen's younger brother. But Maureen Owen stopped the police as they were about to leave and volunteered: "Why not test my other two sons as well?

The court was told that Owen retained his composure, knowing that the saliva sample could incriminate him. When, a year and nine days after the murder, police returned to his home in St Mellons, he said: "I've been waiting for you

He had rehearsed an elaborate fiction about a secret three-month affair with the girl. When questioned he said that they had had sex in Cath Cobb woods when she skipped lessons at Rumney High

The prosecution described him as "a desperate and devious young man" who tried to lie his way to freedom, caring nothing for the girl or her reputation. One detective said last night. "He was a ticking timebomb who turned to sexual fantasies and then murder when he could not get a girlfriend."

Pam Bennett, 35, mother of the dead girl, who saw the jury deliver its unanimous verdict yesterday, said: "I am quite happy with the sentence, but I won't be happy until Owen is dead and in his grave." Mrs Bennett, who has another daughter, Sarah, aged 14, would never forgive Owen for the "absurd

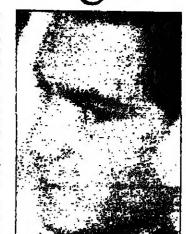
lies" he had told about Claire. The court was told that Owen had boasted about the killing to his brother David as they watched a television reconstruction of the girl's last moments, but later claimed that he had been joking. After testing more than 2,100 youths and men, however, detectives found that there was a one in 160 million chance of the killer

being anyone other than Owen. He became obsessed by Claire when he walked past her house each morning on his way to college to resir the GCSE exams he had failed. He would regularly spy on her bedroom window at night. Owen, who was hooked on

computer war games and kept a hoard of pornography in his bedroom, chose to carry out his attack beneath the twisted branches of a dead tree, known locally by courtcigarettes instead of going to school, and followed her to the woods which he had learnt were her regular hiding place when playing truant. The girl fainted as he grabbed

her, but came round as Owen was raping her so he strangled her and waited until evening to roll her semi-naked body into a stream. When detectives found the body, there was a crumpled page of homework in her pocket on a poem about murder, called The Suspect.

Owen's mother sat alone in court vesterday as her son was sentenced by Mr Justice Buckley. Last night Roy Morgan, Owen's solicitor, said that there would be an appeal



### Murder case judge condemns 'paper lust' bureaucracy

A SENIOR judge yesterday legal bureaucrats as he sentenced a vouth for murder.

Mr Justice Rougier said he was appalled that the teenager, Darren Lawrence, had not been sent to court previously. The 17-year-old was found guilty at Truro Crown Court of murdering Douglas Holman, a retired nurse, of Camborne, Cornwall.

The judge said: "I am in-formed that if a young person of Darren Lawrence's age is to be prosecuted for an act of violence then no fewer than 46 — yes, 46 — different forms have to be filled in to fulfil the paper lust of the bureaucratic element in our criminal justice

system. This is grotesque." Ordering the teenager to be Pleasure, he called for change. "It is to be hoped those who exercise authority will agree with me that the safety of the public and the maintenance of law and order are more important than the proliferation of desk jobs and the consequential paperwork and will take appropriate action and

He said some blame must

their limited resources, other prosecutions were more important". The medical and psychiatric reports in the trial

amounted to 850 pages. During the seven-day trial the court was told how Lawrence had been in trouble with the authorities since the age of five. While living in a family centre in 1995 Lawrence had been involved in 28 incidents of violence or threatened violence and had been cautioned seven times by police.

The judge expressed astonishment that charges had not been brought earlier. His psychopathic disorder might then. have been spotted. It was not discovered until he was on remand at Rampton.

The judge asked Detective Inspector Howard Stevens of Devon and Comwall police: "How many times are the youth of Cornwall allowed to assault other people before

his home with a screwdriver while members of his family sat in a neighbouring room, the court was told. A 15-yearold was cleared by the jury which rejected Lawrence's Detective Superintendent- quently freed.

being brought to court?"

Mr Holman was killed at

to see how it was that, with David Haverly, of the Trials Issues Group, which is re-sponsible for formulating prosecution documents, said: It is unhelpful to suggest it is bureaucracy for the sake of it." He said the number of forms involved could approach 40 if non-prosecution documents, such as fingerprint and prop-

> vice spokeswoman said a simple case could involve as few as five prosecution forms. A juvenile case would add another two forms. "There are said. "We are always working to improve the system." Other prosecution sources said pri-

erty records, were included.

A Crown Prosecution Ser-

vately that they were aston-ished by the judge's remarks. Mr Justice Rougier, 64, has spoken out in the past. He once admitted sentencing a rapist to one year was a gamble and, two years ago, he ordered a man to pay £4,000 to the burglar he shot.

He was the judge who sat in the case of Jonathan Jones, the man convicted of killing his fiancée's parents, Harry and Megan Tooze, in South Wales. The judge later said he was surprised by the jury's deci-sion and Mr Jones was subse-



Schectman: claims Say You'll Be There is similar to her composition Come To Me

### Spice Girls deny copying Israeli soldier's song

By Damian Whitworth

THE Spice Girls, the allfemale pop group and part self-confessed Thatcherites, were at the centre of fresh publicity last night after an sraeli soldier said one of their songs was curiously similar to one she had written. Idit Schectman said she had consulted lawyers over similarities between her song, Come To Me, written two years ago, and Say You'll Be There, the Spice Girls'

corrent hit. The 19-year-old lyricist and The 19-year-old lyricist and composer said she was pursuing her claim through the Israeli copyright authorities and might sue. However, Gerrard Tyrrell, the band's solicitor, said none of the five Spice Girls had ever heard of the Israeli song. The first the Spice Girls knew of this matter was earlier today when they turned on their radios. Little information is available concerning the other song — which we under-stand contains lyrics written in Hebrew, a language not spoken by any of the Spice Girls -- but what is quite clear is that the Spice Girls have never heard of either the

artist or the song." He added that no details of any claim had been received and no legal proceedings had

was flattered, my song wasn't so famous and their song is. There are a few things that are exactly the same." She claims the tune and the translation of the Hebrew lyrics are similar. But Eddie Lawrence, a Select journalist, said: "It is noticeably similar. but not the same. The same could be said about any number of pop songs."



resume her singing career once she completes her two years' national service in February. Meanwhile the Spice Giris' latest record, 2 Become I, released yesterday, seems set to go straight to Christmas number one in the charts this weekend.

William Hill has closed its books on 2 Become 1 being number oge at Christmas hurt very much. Although I ted £500 at 16/1.

### Judge jails gang | Car-death suspect in cashcard plot

BY STEWART TENDLER

LEADING figures in a plot to steal up to £800 million with counterfeit cashcards were jailed for five years yesterday. One of them, John "Little

Legs" Lloyd, had fled Britain after suspected of being involved in the £26 million Brink's-Mat bullion robbery in 1983 but returned in 1994. The Crown Prosecution Service decided not to prosecute Lloyd over the bullion raid. Last year police arrested him as one of the leaders of the cashcard plot.

The conspiracy was linked to Kenneth Noye, who went abroad after becoming a suspect in the M25 "road rage" murder of Stephen Cameron. Noye was never questioned about the cashcard plot and detectives now say they believe he was only peripheral to the gang.

Yesterday Lloyd and six other men were sentenced at Southwark Crown Court, southeast London, after pleading guilty to conspiracy to steal. Judge Rivlin, QC, said the plan was "as ambitious a criminal agreement to steal as one can imagine. If successful, this conspiracy would have given you vast sums of

He told Lloyd, from West Kingsdown, Kent, that he considered him one of the principal plotters. Paul Kidd, 36, from Meopham, Kent, and Graham Moore, 32, of Erith, Kent, were also each sentenced to five years as senior figures in the gang.

Lloyd's son-in-law, Stephen Seton, 42, of Chislehurst, southeast London, was given four years; Moore's brother. Stephen, 41, of Leytonstone, east London, received three years and John Maguire, 36, of Mottingham, southeast London, was given two years. William Haward,55, from Yalding, Kent, was given a two years' suspended sentence

Lloyd: fled abroad after Brink's Mat robbery

# is killed in crash

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A YOUNG man wanted by police in connection with the hit-and-run death of the medical student Caroline Elliot died in a crash while driving another stolen car, police revealed yesterday.

Lee Davis, Stockbridge, Merseyside, was in a high-speed car chase with police when the stolen vehicle he was driving crashed into a tree in Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Five days earlier, Miss Elliot had been killed by a stolen Vauxhall Astra while jogging in Sefton Park, Liverpool. Police confirmed that and fined 250,000 with they are not looking for any-one else in connection with the

Ms Elliot, a student at Liverpool university, died from head injuries. Her flatmate, Sarah Edenbrow, who was jogging with her, was seriously injured but was able to attend her friend's funeral on Monday.

Yesterday police said they withheld details of Mr Davies' accident to allow officers investigating the tragedy to per-sonally inform the families of

Police had been chasing Mr Davies, for several minutes early in the morning of November 19, after reports of a

suspected stolen car being

driven erratically. Officers were about 250 vards behind him when he

swerved off the main road and hit a tree. A Police Complaints Authority investigation into the incident has been launched as a matter of rou-

A 17-year-old youth from Toxteth has been charged with allowing himself to be carried in a stolen vehicle, and bailed to appear before Liverpool magistrates on January 20.

In a statement issued yesterday, Miss Ellior's parents Mike and Ann said that had not wanted revenge, and re-gretted that another young life had been lost.

"We are pleased that all the hard work the police have put into the inquiry surrounding Caroline's death has now paid off," they said. "We will continue to give the police any assistance which they may now require.

"It has never been our desire to seek revenge on those responsible for the tragedy, but to seek justice and to prevent the same thing happening to someone else.

If, as seems likely, one of those responsible is now dead, we regret that another young

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### New York court gives estranged couple's child a transatlantic future

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A CHILD will grow up commuting across the Atlantic between his estranged parents after an unusual ruling by a New York court.

Joseph Fowler, aged 16 months, who has dual nationality, will spend eight months of the year in this country with his British mother and four months in the United States with his American father as a result of the decision last week. The judgment, yet to be ratified by an English court, has been questioned by British experts in family law who say

Jane and William Fowler had lived in mise. It is what has been agreed by both parties since their marriage in 1990, parties and is legally binding. I don't child and his family.

and Joseph was born there; Mrs Fowler returned to Yorkshire with him three months ago after their marriage broke down. Last month there was a countrywide alert when Mr Fowler took Joseph from Mrs Fowler's home in Harley. south Yorkshire. In spite of a watch on ports and airports, Mr Fowler, an unemployed electronics technician, was able to fly with his son to New York.

Mrs Fowler, 27, a nursery school teacher, began a court battle for custody. She attended the New York hearing and returned with Joseph at the weekend. She said yesterday that she expected the ruling to be confirmed by an Engish court shortly. There is no ideal comprothink it's the best thing for my son to be ferried to and fro across the Atlantic. I do think the arrangement is bound to affect Joseph's upbringing. I am going to have to seek advice on how it will affect him mentally," she said.

"It will be very expensive in air fares as well. We will have to cross that bridge when we come to it. I am working and my husband is hopeful of finding a job so we should be able to afford it. When he gets to school age it will be arranged so he can go to school over here, but see

for Joseph when he is over in Britain."

his father in the summer holidays. In New York, Mr Fowler said: "The whole thing is a nightmare. I feel I was left with no choice but to accept the decision. I just hope everything works out

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# Saunders ruling may prompt change in law

'Draconian' powers under threat after Euro-court's condemnation

By Frances GIRE LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

**GOVERNMENT** officials are that gives Department of Trade inspectors far-reaching powers to compel suspects to answer questions then use the material in the prosecution against them.

Condemning the way the evidence is used in trials, the European Court of Human Rights said: "The public inter-est in combating fraud could not be invoked to justify the use of answers compulsorily obtained in a non-judicial investigation."

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) said it would examine the ruling to see "what implications there are for UK company regulators and criminal prosecu-tions". But officials have identified at least 200 pending fraud and insider dealing cases which could be affected by the ruling because the only evidence is "tainted" in that it was obtained by inspectors under compulsion.

The case comes exactly ten years after the Guinness fraud investigation began and rested on questioning by DTI offici-als that began on February 10, 1987, when Ernest Saunders, Guinness, was summoned to the City accountants Peat Marwick McClintock.

Flanked by his lawyers, he faced compulsory interroga-tion across a table by David Donaldson, QC, and Ian Watt, a chartered accountant - both DTI - in what was the first of nine interrogations that would eventually lead to his trial and imprisonment.

The inspectors were investigating allegations that Guinness indulged in a share-support operation during its takeover battle for Distillers in 1986. Mr Saunders had to comply. Failure to do so, under what his counsel, Michael Beloff, QC, called "draconian" powers granted to the DTI inspectors under the Companies Act 1967, could lead to a fine or imprisonment for up to two years.

George Devlin, Mr Saunders's human rights consultant, said yesterday: "It's

### SAUNDERS SAGA

Dec 1986: DTI inspectors carry out dawn raid on offices Jan 1987: DTI refer Guinness affair to DPP Feb 1987: Saunders interro-gated for first time

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the investigation

Nov 1989 & Jan 1990: Pretrial hearings at which
Saunders falls to have transcripts of interviews ex-

as evidence Aug 1990: Saunders con-victed by Southwark Crown Court and jailed for five years May 1991: Court of Appeal cuts five-year sentence to two and a half years

June 1991: Saunders re-lessed from Ford open prison diagnosed as suffer-ing from pre-senile dementia July 1991: House of Lords refuses Saunders leave to appeal to House of Lords

Dec 1994: Home Secretary refers case back to Court of Appeal after application by co-defendants (Ronson, Pames and Lyons) argues that prosecution failed to disclose certain documents Nov 1995: Court of Appeal

Dec 1995: Court of Appeal refuses teave to appeal on point of law to House of Lords

real Star Chamber stuff. Sometimes these interrogations go on in windowless rooms - and if you don't go along with it, you could be jailed. The whole situation is extremely intimidatory."

The interrogations had been on the cards since December 1. 1986, when DTI inspectors carried out a "dawn raid" on the offices of Guinness and Distillers and of seven other advisers in London and

The transcripts and documents obtained as a result of the interviews with Mr Saunders were passed to the Crown Prosecution Service. which passed them to police. In May that year, the police began their own investigation and on May 6 Mr Saunders was arrested and charged with three offences, later in

creased to 15, of false account-

ing, theft, and conspiracy. Yesterday those interrogations, and obtaining of materi-al that led to Mr Saunders's conviction and imprisonment. prompted a damning indictment of the Government by the European Court. The authorities, the court ruled, had breached Mr Saunders's right to a fair trial.

As Michael Beloff, QC, put it. Mr Saunders was a man stripped of his human rights and forced to incriminate himself in breach of the protection afforded to all other defendants - even those accused of murder, rape, robbery, drug dealing or terrorist offences.

The ruling appears to knock a massive hole in the armoury of prosecuting authorities to combat serious fraud, and to re-assert the centuries-old defendant's right to silence. The right dates from the trial of John Lilburn in 1637, when he refused to take an oath binding him to answer all questions put to him by the Star Chamber. It rests on the principle that the burden of proof is on the prosecution and that defendants are under no obligation to help them to prove their case.

The right has been called the golden thread that runs through the web of English criminal law". But it has been eroded. Since 1856, a case established that the prosecution could use answers obtained from bankrupts, under threat of imprisonment, as evidence for a prosecution. But the Judges' Rules, drawn up between 1912 and 1918, stipulated that a person "cau-

tioned" need not answer.
The first English statute expressly to provide for answers to be obtained by DII inspectors under compulsion was the Companies Act 1967. followed by the Companies

Yesterday, the European Court noted that part of a transcript of Mr Saunders's answers had been read to the jury despite his objections. Accordingly, there had been an infringement of the appli-cant's right not to incriminate



### The 'bewildered old man' whose business brain earns £800 a day

By CAROL MIDGLEY

ERNEST SAUNDERS will forever be remembered as the man who made a miraculous recovery from apparent presenile dementia.

Five years ago be was described by doctors as a bewildered old man unable to

backwards from three. Now he charges £800 a day advising clients such as the pub-lishing company Richbell Strategic Holdings and Carphone Warehouse.

The man whose name was once a by-word for fraud (his criminal record is stamped on his passport) and whose brain Appeal to be shrinking, is

He is welcomed at the grandest of functions and companies pay handsomely for his sharp business brain and his "shrewd and enthusi-

astic" advice. His salary from his various consultancies is reckoned to be about £150,000. He receives a £75,000 Guinness pension and makes an income from speeches and lectures. He has two homes - a £250.000 house in Putney.

Lawyers

consider

claim for

redress By Frances GIBE

against the Government.

with the help of friends. He has earned an estimated

for the criminal trial that was

held to be unfair yesterday. But he funded the six-year battle to Strasbourg himself,

£125,000 a year from consultancy work since being re-leased from prison and has had a pension from Guinness

since being dismissed in 1987.

his claims totalling more than

E4.6 million for lost income and expenses and also cut his

plea for almost £340,000 in court costs and expenses to

£75,000. Any compensation

claim against the Government

would depend on whether the

Home Secretary referred his

conviction back to the Court of

Appeal and whether it was

quashed. Without that, he is

Yesterday all the signs were

that that was extremely un-

likely. Government officials

pointed to the European

judges' comment that the

oucome of this trial might not

have been any different, even

if the DTI evidence had not

been used. The Serious Fraud

still a convicted criminal.

Yesterday the court rejected

south London, and a £350,000 17th century house in Sidlesham, near Chichester, where he joins his wife, Carole, at weekends. Their former house, a man-

sion in Penn, Buckinghamshire, had to be sold for £600,000 during the trial as did their Swiss apartment. About that time Mrs Saunders had a nervous their children James, 31, who wrote a book. Nightmare, about his father's experience, Joanna, 28, and John, 23,

which helped her through it and she is now recovered. Mr Saunders was sent to Ford open prison but his sentence was halved on appeal and he served only 10

months in an open prison after a doctor diagnosed that he was suffering from presenile dementia. Patrick Gallway, a forensic

psychiatrist at Exter Nuffield Hospital, who expressed con-cern over Mr Saunders's inability to use a door properly in 1991, was unavailable for comment yesterday. Earlier this week, however, he said

from him had had similar concerns. "We never made a diagnosis but all the doctors agreed there was some suspisaid. "Happily this turned out not to be the case." In a recent interview, Mr

Saunders angrily rejected suggestions that he had feigned illness. "The idea that I could presuade members of the medical profession that I had this condition is disgraceful. I resent it enormously," he said. "When I go to America and Europe I get a pat on the back for having come back from the dead. I get the opposite here in Britain."

### Verdict another blow to Fraud Office

THE Strasbourg ruling is a blow to regulation of the City of London and is the latest in series of disappointments for the Serious Fraud Office. The SFO said yesterday it would resist all attempts to quash Mr Saunders's conviction.

The Guinness affair provoked a clampdown by the Government and authorities on what were seen as City of London excesses. It was the Department of Trade's job to investigate company scandals

The SFO was set up after the Guinness affair to tackle large-scale fraud cases but prosecutions in high-profile cases involving Blue Arrow. Maxwell and George Walker flopped. Roger Levitt, onetime financial adviser to the rich and famous, was sen-

tenced to community service. City regulators have sought to co-operate more closely since the Guinness affair, but implicitly acknowledge that scope for abuse remained. There has long been talk of a "front-running" ring, in which brokers use inside information to profit on share deals, channelling the gains through secretive offshore havens. De-tails of suspicious share deal-ing are routinely passed by the Stock Exchange to the DTI. The prospect of another Guinness" has probably done

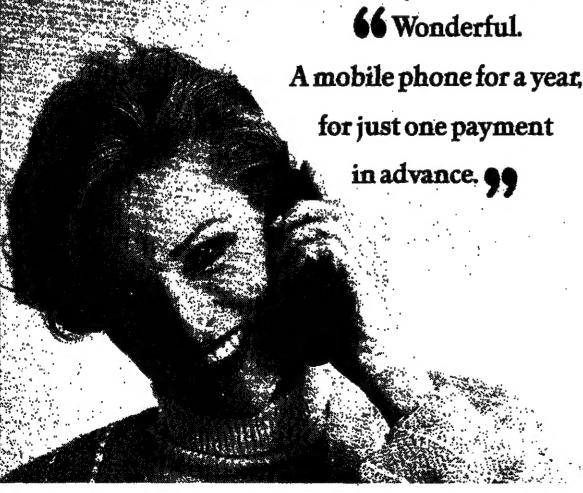
The fall-out led to a closing of ranks by City regulators, and made bankers and brokers think twice before agreeing to act as advisers to a deal. No amount of success fees could compensate for the damage to a firm's reputation.

The case has been exhaustively heard in the English courts," the SFO said. Two appeal court hearings have

The European Court of Human Rights said it could not speculate on whether the outcome of the trial would have been made of the Department of Trade and Industry transcripts by the prosecution.

The ruling could have impli-

cations for Mr Saunders's codefendants, who are pursuing their own claims. Anthony Parnes, the stockbroker implicated in the affair, could have the most to gain. It appears that evidence in the DTI transcripts was fundamental to the prosecution, and without them there would have been no case against him.



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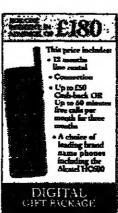
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### Private eye who spotted unfairness

GEORGE DEVLIN, the multimillionaire and self-styled "human rights consultant" to Ernest Saunders, had reason to look pleased with himself

For six years he has worked more or less full-time prepar-ing the case first for the European Commission on Human Rights and then for the European court. "I was the one." he said proudly, "who first identified that the use of this evidence in Mr Saunders's trial was unfair." Mr Devlin, 55, a tax exile

with homes in Switzerland. France and London, started as a litigation and common law solicitor's clerk in a City law firm. He then turned private eye. spending 20 years specialising in investigations for solicitors and counsel in complex fraud. He was a principal in the company, Devlin & Co, now run by his

Office said it would resist all attempts to have the convic-After a spell in the property business he took early retiretion quashed or compensation ment in 1992. He began work-Mr Saunders indicated that ing for Mr Saunders after the legal action for compensation abortive second Guinness was one option. "My advisers trial and says he still expects and I will now be considering to be fully occupied on the case. "This is going to go on and on and on." all the options open to us

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Coronation Street hit by strong bidding from Roadshow

### Aunty's antiques knock down ITV's old soap

AN ATTEMPT by ITV to boost the flagging ratings of Coronation Street by launching a fourth weekly episode is failing in the face of unforeseen opposition from BBCl's Antiques Roadshow.

Audiences for the soap opera's Sunday evening slot have fallen from 15.7 million since its launch on November 24 to 13.5 million, compared to a steady 10 million for An-

Michael Jackson, controller of BBC1, said: "Antiques Roadshow is probably the most successful programme we have had against Coronation Street since Steptoe and Son in the 1960s."

Mr Jackson said that the fourth Coronation Street episode was not natural weekend viewing, "I am not convinced that every Coronation Street viewer wants to see it on a Sunday, "he said. It was a time for families to sit down together, but the programme ap-pealed mainly to a female

son's comments come at a difficult time for Coronation Street, which has recently lost its position as the nation's most popular programme to BBC1's EastEnders. A spokesman for Granada,

makers of Coronation Street, said that its core audience consisted of middle aged people — exactly that targeted by Antiques Roadshow. Aniques Roadshow starts 15 minutes earlier than Coronation Street on a Sunday so people are already hooked by that by the time we start."

Mr Jackson was speaking at the launch of the BBC's winter schedule, which includes a £5.5 million production of Ivanhoe, Sir Walter Scott's the Crusades in medieval England. It stars Christopher Lee, Steven Waddington and Ciaran Hinds, Ivanhoe was a hit in the 1960s for ITV, when running the 1960s sitcom, Till Death Us Do Part, featuring the foul-mouthed bigot Alf Garnett, played by Warren Mitchell. In his heyday, the outspoken Alf Garnett caused outrage by referring to black son-in-law, Mike - played by Tony Booth, father of Cherie Booth, now the wife of Tony Blair, the Labour leader - as

"a randy Scouse gir".

Mark Thompson, Controller of BBC2, said that it was unlikely to censor the programme, which formerly attracted audiences of up to 25 would understand that it ex-posed the bigotry behind Alf Garnett's views without en-

"It is indisputably one of the catest comedies that the BBC has ever produced and viewers will be happy to see it back again," he said.

be adapted for television for the first time, starring Colin Firth, Albert Finney and Claudia Cardinale, on BBC2. Modern drama in the BBC schedule includes a new prison serial, Insiders, written by Lucy Gannon, the creator of Peak Practice, Soldier Soldier and Bramwell for ITV.

Michael French, who until recently played David Wicks in EastEnders, has a new role as a time-travelling detective in The Crime Traveller, and Sinead Cusack and Miles Anderson star in a modern marriage series, Have Your

Factual programmes on BBC1 include Children's Hospital, a look inside the casualty unit at the Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool. Eastpresents The Big C, a programme about cancer, a year after diagnosis of her own breast cancer.



Steven Waddington stars in Ivanhoe, an adaptation of Sir Walter Scott's novel of medieval England, which is one of the highlights of the BBC's winter schedule

### Daughter to boycott premiere of film

BY DALYA ALBERGE

THE sister of an Australian pianist whose life story is the subject of an award-winning film has refused to attend lomorrow's European premiere in London because she feels the movie is an insult to

the memory of their father. Margaret Helfgott has expressed outrage over "myths and inaccuracies" in a film about her brother David that portrays her father Peter, a survivor of the Holocaust, as dictatorial and smothering them with love. She com-plained to Australian newsscenarios" in the film. Beat ings, it suggests, drove the son to a pervous breakdown. She is also said to object to an actor with a German accent

being cast as her father. Shine, tipped for an Oscar and featuring Sir John Giel-gud, opens in Britain next

The director, Scott Hicks insisted that his research, which included talking to David Helfgott, had been

### Dracula and Co repay stake in gothic horror

IN THESE days of The X 2,000 best volumes yesterday Files the Victorian Gothic ghost story may no longer have the power to terrify, but it still commands the power of money. A collection of 2,000 tales of mystery and imagination, many by the most obscure of authors, were sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £233,000, more than twice the

The top price of £7,820 was paid for a pristine 1851 first edition of Ghost Stories and Tales of Mystery by J. Sheridan Le Fanu, not an author whose name is much bandled

est night that the collection is the finest of its kind to



Dracula: the legend has lost none of its bite

still has 4,000 left. He picked them up for a song at charity shops and street markets over

35 years. One of his best buys was an Louis Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr Jekyli and Mr Hyde, in its original paper cover, which he bought for one shilling (5p) from a bookshop in Wales. It went for £980.

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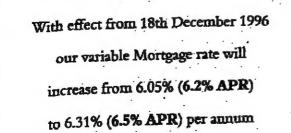
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### Lincoln dean says he will resign if the money is right

THE Dean of Lincoln ar nounced yesterday that he was willing to resign from the city's embattled cathedral. The Very Rev Brandon Jackson said that his lawyers were negotiating with the legal ream at Lambeth Palace, the London home of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Earlier this year, Dr George Carey asked Dr Jackson and Canon Rex Davis, the Sub-Dean, to resign. The Dean said that he would resign only if Canon Davis went too. He now says that he is prepared to relinquish his freehold position unilaterally and that negotiations between lawyers have been taking place for some time. Canon Davis said he saw no reason to go.

The two men were speaking after the Bishop of Lincoln, the Right Rev Robert Hardy, announced he would boycott Christmas services at the cathedral in protest at their failure to resolve the longrunning dispute. Dr Jackson



Jackson: said bishop was the real problem

said that his departure de-pended on Dr Carey fulfilling his promise to preserve his "dignity and honour" and to ensure that he was not financially disadvantaged. "If the Archbishop welshes on his promise, then I will be happy to stay until I'm 70," said Dr Jackson, who is 62.

The dispute has its origins in a loss-making exhibition of

the cathedral's Magna Carta by Canon Davis. Dr Jackson was appointed the following year. He was cleared by a consistory court last year of sexual misconduct with a former cathedral verger.

Dr Jackson said: "I am not

the centre of the dispute. The bishop is. And he has failed for over seven years now to exer-cise his authority properly." A spokesman for the bishop said Dr Brandon "is continually saying he's going but he will never tell us when. And his perpetual attack upon the bishop is something which upsets the whole diocese." A married dergyman is to be examined at a church court

over allegations that he had

affairs with several parishio-

ners. The Rev Clifford Wil-

liams, 48, a Church in Wales

rector of Benliech, Anglesey,

denies the claims, made in

Sunday newspaper. Letters, page 17



Stacey Carter-Brooks, 10, had two missing fingers replaced by the second toe from each foot

### Transplanted toes help children to get a grip on life

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dents. The muscles and ten-

dons that control the fingers

are usually complete in the

arm and ready to be connected to the new digit. A micro-scope is used during ultra-

fine stitching of nerves and

blood vessels.
Stacey Carter-Brooks, 10, from York, was born with two

ingers of one hand missing.

Her mother, Denise

Waddell, said: "We are very.

happy with the results of the

operation.
"Before, Stacey always tended to hold one hand behind her back. She wouldn't play, she held back.

Now nobody notices that two

of her fingers are toes. The

only problem is that she now

has a very slim foot, so shoes

TOES make an excellent subwithout fingers, a surgeon's study has found. Walking is not affected and they are able

to grip and grasp.
The survey was conducted by Simon Kay, of St James's University Hospital, Leeds, who has carried out more than 100 of the toe transfers. Mr Kay lost a finger in a childhood accident and was inspired by the efforts of a surgeon to save it for him. That operation did not succeed and he was left with only

three fingers on his left hand. His study of the first 40 operations, involving the transfer of 66 toes, has shown toes working well. The child-ren were able to grip paper and Lego blocks and to twist jar lids on and off.

The psychological benefits were also enormous, Mr Kay discovered, with the children less self-conscious about their hand and more willing to play with friends and take



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### Psychological society

### Parents who row 'likely to produce high achievers'

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

FAMILIES that argue frequently — or are "expressive", as psychologists prefer to put it — are more likely to produce high achievers.

Research presented to the British Psychological Society's London conference yesterday showed that conflict within families, coupled with a strong sense of cohesion, pro-duced offspring who are better prepared to deal with life's difficulties, regardless of the family structure in which they

Coming from a broken home was no bar to success in ideal of the nuclear family was less important to child development than what went on between parents and children, whether there was one parent or two. Achieving cohesiveness within the family was helped by one parent being absent for part of childhood but was harmed if there were too many sons, the study

Tony Cassidy, a senior lec-turer in psychology who carcolleagues at Nene College in Northampton, told the meeting: "We were looking at what makes children more resilient to stress. We found it is not related to the structure of the family - whether it's broken or not - but more to its cohesiveness."

Encouragement towards in-tellectual and cultural pursuits was one of the most important predictors of success in families. But this had to be coupled with freedom of expression and encourage-ment to debate and argue. Dr

Cassidy said: "More expressive families tend to produce children who are higher in mastery - that is, they see problems as challenges rather than as threats. Stress comes threats rather than challenges. If expressiveness is not encouraged, the children will tend to be less resilient in the face of stress."

The researchers studied the family backgrounds of 169 young adults - selected from the Armed Forces, skilled nonmanual workers and students achieve. They found that high come from families which had experienced conflict in the form of rows and disputes with parents or siblings.

if it provoked debate and a search for solutions, conflict could inspire children to respond positively to challenge.



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### Sweet solution to sticky problems

WORKERS who chomp their way through chocolate bars and chewing gum to sniffed out two perfect calming foods to help them through their day.

A team of psychologists studying the effects of smells found that chocolate and spearmint had a powerful calming effect. Blindfolded volunteers were used to measure effects on theta brain waves, associated with levels

Neil Martin of the Univer-sity of Middlesex, who presented the findings to the British Psychological Society's conference yesterday, said: "Chocolate generated less theta waves than any other smell."

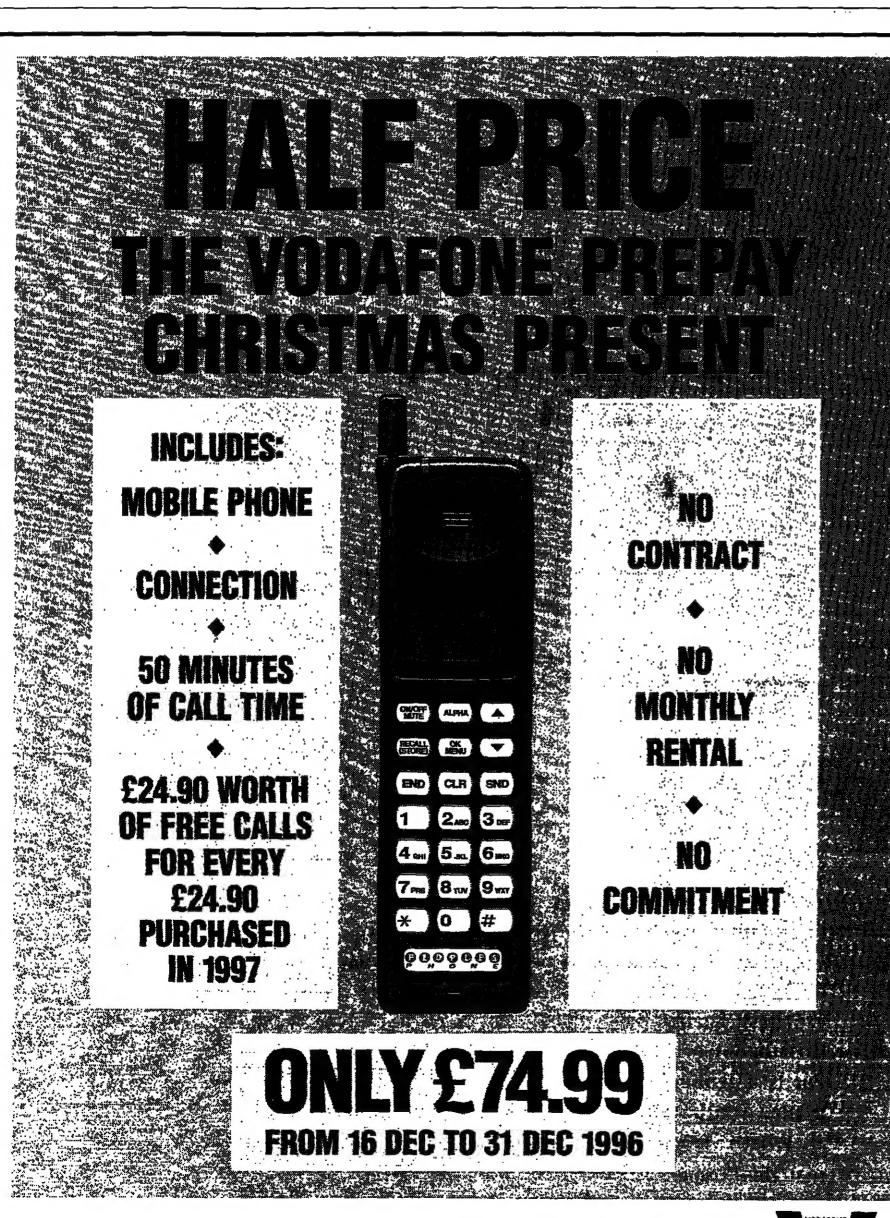
Spearmint had a similar effect, but synthetic strawber-ry boosted attention, proba-bly because it bore only a distant resemblance to the real thing and demanded concentration to identify it. Hot coffee had little effect.

The experiment was partly funded by the food industry. Dr Martin, senior lecturer in neuropsychology, said: Chocolate and spearmint things that are relaxing. Or something could be tapping into a sub-cortical emoti

forces has found that they University of Hertfordshire presented the psychics with details and objects from Essex murder cases and asked if

they had any insights. Three students had same information. Richard Wiseman said: "The students were bright and devised quite chics made ambiguous statements which they tried to twist when they were present-ed with answers."





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### **HOME NEWS**

### Popular schools 'should take space from neighbours'

POPULAR schools should be allowed to open annexes in neighbouring schools which have empty places, the Audit Commission said yesterday in a report which sparked a row over the Government's claims to have expanded parental

The commission said one in five parents failed to secure their first choice of school, while up to £100 million was being wasted on spare capacity. Popular schools were not expanding to meet demand because there were no incentives, but the use of neighbour-ing premises might help avoid gridlock" in admissions.

Bob Chilton, Director of Local Government Studies at the commission, said: "Parents do not choose a school for its buildings: it is the learning experience they are after for their children. If other buildings could be found in the locality, it would be one way of additional

Research by the commission showed that class sizes were growing in popular schools because head teachers were required to take pupils up to a notional capacity, which was often larger than parents or

At Coombe Hill Infants School, in Kingston upon Thames, for example, there were 210 pupils, compared with the official capacity of 168. The result was classes of



Squire: attacked report's "simplistic conclusions"

35 throughout the school. At the same time, however, the number of surplus places was growing year by year, despite Government promises to purge them from the system. commission estimated that 40 per cent of the 900,000 empty places could be re-moved if local authorities took

a stronger line. One school unable capitalise on its popularity is Bordesley Green Girls' School in Birmingham. For seven years it has wanted to expand. The school can take 120 pupils a year but last year had 250 applicants, while a nearby mixed comprehensive school could fill only half its places. The empty desks at Park View School prevented Birmingham City Council from

winning government funding for new buildings at Bordesley Abdul Malik, the chairman

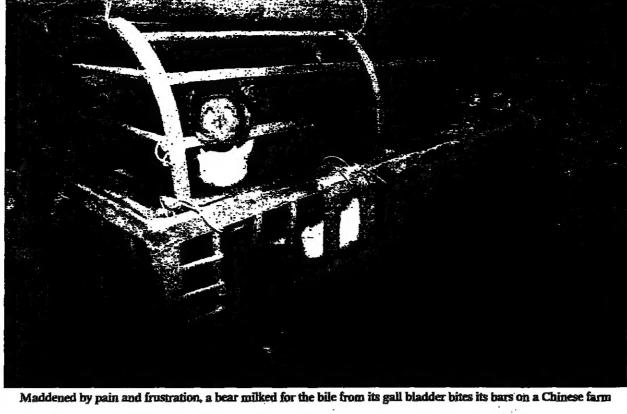
of governors, said the situation was a "nightmare" for purents in the predominantly Muslim community around the school. More than 70 families appeal against rejection every year but only two or three are successful.

Mr Malik added: "As chair of governors, parents try to lobby, request and beg me to do something because their child wants to be in the school. It is heart-breaking."

The commission's report found fault with both central and local government. "Inaction is not an option. Unwanted and unnecessary school places lock up scarce re-sources which could be used elsewhere."

Labour described the report as a "devastating indictment" of government policy. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said his party's proposals for local education plans, covering all state schools, were in line with the commission's

recommendations. Robin Squire, the Schools Minister, said: "It is a pity that the commission has devalued this research with some simplistic conclusions on the supply of school places and standards." He added that local authorities had all the necessary powers to manage the supply of school places.



### Charity fights to free tortured bears from the milking farms of China

BY DANIEL MCGRORY

THE rusted metal cage was so cramped, the bear could neither stand nor turn around. For hours, it would butt its head against the iron bars out of frustration and pain. Nearly starved and demented by confinement, the animal lay in its own filth, writhing in agony from the gaping septic wound on its back

Thousands of bears are kept in conditions like these on farms in China and milked of the bile from the gall biadder, sold as a traditional cure. A steel catheter is jabbed into the bear's side and a plastic tube runs underneath the skin, protruding from the hole in its matted black fur. Every few days the bear is milked. The pain leaves the clamped animal mouning and clawing at its face. Often these animals are tethered by steel straps. After perhaps ten years of this treatment, they are left unable to walk.

Investigators working with Tusk Force's United States pariner, the Global Survival Network, found that some of the cages had "crush" bars. designed to push the animals

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where demand for body parts is most intense, the number could have dwindled to 12,000. In South Korea, the black bear is officially extinct. As supplies run out in

each year for their gall bladders in just one region of Russia. Cubs are left to die.

Bear paw soup, an Asian dish that costs up to £700 a bowl, is held to possess invigorating properties. In some restaurants in Asia, bears are boiled alive, after being beaten with sticks, "to ensure a good flow of fear juices".

Few Asian countries have specialised agencies investi-gating the illegal trade in wildlife. A bear gall, resembling a dried fig. is easy to hide and can be worth several thousand pounds. Herbal and synthesised alternatives to bear bile are available but there is little awareness of that in Asia.

Tusk Force and Global Survival Network are trying to educate Asian consumers and seeking better protection for bears and tougher enforcement of wildlife laws.

The West has its own leassons to learn: in North America, 40.000 bears are killed lawfully each year but the same number again is taken by poachers. The North American black bear is the source of most of the trade in

### EIENSON:S Eight boys expelled over drugs

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Eight boys have been expelled from a public school after admitting using drugs. Chris-topher Saunders, the headmaster of Lancing College, Sussex, said that a quantity of cannabis had been discovered. One pupil had been given money by the others to buy the drug and had made contact with a supplier.

Mr Saunders said: These are the first expulsions for drugs in the school since 1981 and we shall continue to take an uncompromising stand."

### Officers bailed

Six army officers charged with rape were released on bail by Judge Paul Clark at Oxford Crown Court. The six. serving with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, will appear before magistrates on January 8.

### **Eviction halted**

A High Court judge overturned Wolverhampton Borough Council's eviction under new powers of two families of travellers from waste ground. Lord Justice Phillips said it had not considered the humanitarian implications.

### Wheelchair crash

Police are seeking an elderly hit-and-run driver whose motorised wheelchair struck an 89-year-old woman on the seafront at Bridlington, East Yorkshire, leaving her with a badly gashed leg that needed 19 stitches.

### Service cancelled

Relatives of British victims of the Lockerble air disaster have decided against holding a memorial service in London for the first time in eight years. A wish not to deflect attention from the Dunblane massacre was one reason.

### Mandelson gibe

Sixty Tory MPs have signed an early-day motion accusing Peter Mandelson, Labour's campaign strategist of "in-competence in failing to rig" the BBC Today Personality of the Year poll in favour of Tony

### Last post

### Leah Betts jury discharged after failing to reach verdict

By Michael Horsnell

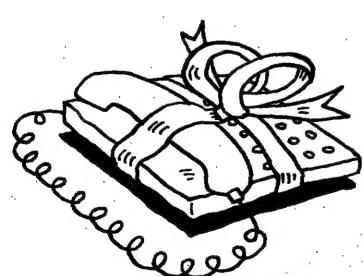
A JURY was discharged yesterday after failing to reach a verdict over a student accused of supplying Leah Betts with the Ecstasy tablet that killed her. A decision on whether to order a retrial will be made by the Crown Prosecution Service

Norwich Crown Court any part in the supply of the class A drug to Miss Betts, who slipped into a coma at her eighteenth birthday party in November last year. His friend Stephen Smith, 19, from Basildon, Essex, has admitted

being involved in the supply of the tablet and awaits sentence.

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Paul Betts, Miss Betts's father and a former policeman, said: "My main feeling is frustration at the fact that the matter is not over and done with. We have got to go through it all again, provided the CPS decides to have a



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### British Ecological Society told that 94 per cent of flounders in Tyne show signs of feminisation

## Sex changes in male fish are blamed on pollution

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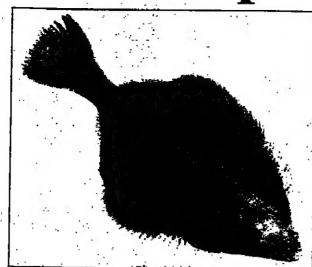
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FLOUNDERS living in the Tyne estuary are apparently changing sex because of industrial pollution, according to a new study of male fish which shows that 94 per cent have signs of feminisation.

Previous studies have shown that caged trout exposed to discharges from sewage treatment works underwent sex changes, but yesterday's report is the first to show them in wild marine fish. The discovery, which will raise concern over the health of North Sea fish stocks, comes amid growing alarm over the effect on the environment of man-made chemicals.

Studies from around the world have identified nonylphenol as one of the chemicals associated with a fall in human sperm counts. The chemical, used in cleaning agents, glues and paints, appears to mimic the female hormone oestrogen or, in some cases,



Flounder: study found evidence of malformed testes, yolk proteins and enlarged livers in wild male fish

block the male hormone androgen. The latest study, by Christina Lye of the marine sciences

department of the University

of Newcastle, found that

flounders suffered damage to

the reproductive organs, enlarged livers and build-up of yolk proteins in the testes. Ms Lye told the British Ecological Society's winter meeting at Durham University: "I would not like to eat these fish."

flounders up to 2½ miles downstream of the nearest big treatment works at Howdon. which handles domestic and industrial waste.

Ms Lye, whose full findings will be published in the Marine Pollution Bulletin in January, said that water treatment works might be just one source of contamination, with the fish exposed to a range of pollutants discharged into the Tyne from other sources.

The research focused on flounders because they are bottom-feeding fish which migrate between the salty estuary and the North Sea and are considered reasonably resistant to pollution. Around 300 were caught and screened for sexual deformities and compared with 100 flounders from

the less-polluted Solway Firth.
Up to 50 per cent of flounders in the Solway Firth were
showing signs of sex changes. compared with a figure of 94 per cent on the Tyne. Significant levels of yolk protein. normally found only in fe-

■ Where do the oestrogen-like chemicals in the environment come from? Thousands of chemicals could act like natural hormones. Attention has focused on nonylphenols (found in plastics, pesticides, agricultural products and car washes), phthalates (resins, plastics, dyes), and the breakdown of DDT. The contraceptive pill does not seem to be as important as naturally produced female hormones reaching rivers through sewage works. Are the amounts of these chemicals building up?

A COMPLEX CHEMICAL EQUATION

Possibly. Many substances that get into rivers are washed out to sea, but others end up in sediments. These may be eaten by bottom-feeders, recycling the pollutants. Is the problem worldwide?

Every developed country is likely to show similar effects. Most data on effects on wildlife has originated in the US. Recent clean-ups of rivers may have made the problem apparent. Previously, many rivers were too dirty for wildlife.

■ Can the chemicals be removed from water? No existing water treatment works do so. Technology might be developed if major culprits were identified. Natural female hormones identified as a possible major problem by the Environment Agency are made more powerful by bacteria in sewage plants.

Are people at the same risk as wildlife? Some scientists have linked falls in sperm counts, abnormalities in the testicles and male infertility to the problem, but evidence is contradictory. No cause has been proved and some

surveys show no decline in sperm count. How can we reduce possible risks? Is bottled water safer? If water was the only source, bottled water might be cleaner because it usually comes from

deep springs. In practice, every kind of food is a potential source. Changing eating habits on existing evidence is not justified.

NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

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males, were found in the testes of the Tyne male flounders. This indicates at best that they were producing less sperm and at worst were switching to

egg production.

Ms Lye said the livers of male flounders in the Tyne were nearly double the size of those in the Firth. "Also, between 30 per cent and 69 per

cent of those in the Tyne have malformed testes, versus 4 per cent in the Solway Firth," she

Scientists had suspected that chemicals from the contraceptive pill might be to blame for both a decline in the fertility of men and sex changes in wildlife, but recent research ruled this out.

☐ Research on toad tadpoles has shown that, when a feeding fish turns up, the tadpoles instinctively group for de-fence. Scientists from De Montfort University and Imperial College London believe the tadpoles can sense the presence of a predator, such as a stickleback, before they actu-

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New de-icer 'safer than rock salt'

BY NICK NUTTALL

SCIENTISTS have discovered an alternative to rock sait that de-ices roads without damaging the environment. Gritting with salt is cheap but kills roadside trees and plants, as well as rotting cars and bridges. It can also harm

freshwater streams and rivers. The scientists from Bradford University have been studying calcium magnesium acetate. Trees sprayed with it are unscathed and while some roadside plants appear to grow more slowly, none are killed. Alistair Headley, of the department of Environmental Sciences, said salt was being phased out in some parts of the United

The Highways Agency said it had been evaluating alternatives, including calcium mag-nesium acetate, but they had been dismissed on grounds of cost. Salt, which comes from mines in Cheshire, costs between £25 and £30 a tonne whereas the new chemical costs about £1,000 a tonne.

### Injury ruling exposes rugby refs to liability

SPORTS officials could be liable for substantial damages after a referee was blamed yesterday for the appalling injuries suffered by a 17-year-

old rugby player. The Court of Appeal rejected as "unsustainable" an argument by the referee, Michael Nolan, that Ben Smoldon had consented to the risk of injury by voluntarily playing a highly physical game.

Mr Smoldon, who broke his neck when a scrum collapsed and is confined to a wheelchair for life, was awarded damages in the High Court in April against Mr Nolan, who had failed in his duty to the player. The damages have yet to be decided but yesterday's ruling clears the way for Mr Smoldon to receive an award

After the ruling, the Rugby Football Union said it expected its insurance premium to rise. All referees are automatically covered by public liability insurance, funded by the RFU. Since the High Court ruling, only a handful of amateur referees have told the RFU that they no longer wish to

Lord Bingham, sitting with Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Neill, said all rugby players should be insured against injury. But he said the court did not want to "open the door to a plethora of claims by players against referees and it would be deplorable if that

were the result". Lord Bingham said rugby was not a game for the timid or the fragile and all players must expect a "fair share of knocks. bruises, strains, abrasions and minor bony injuries". He said the match, between Sutton Coldfield and Burton-on-Trent Colts in October 1991 was very unusual as it had involved up to 24 collapsed scrummages. It was also difficult to prove that a referee was responsible for a specific injury. Neither Mr Nolan. 54, an Army cadet force administrator, of Tamworth, Staffordshire, nor Mr Smoldon, now 22, of Sutton Coldfield, were in

COUITL Mr Nolan's solicitors, Davies Arnold Cooper, said the referee was "saddened" by the court's decision. The scope of potential liability for sporting officials has today been great-ly extended. The courts have now made it clear they are prepared to review, in appro-priate individual circum-stances, the conduct of referees and any other officials concerned in the control of the game of rugby. In any active sport injury might now subse-quently lead to officials being

liable for hundreds of thou-sands of pounds."

Mr Smoldon's father, Rog-er, said: "I only hope that Ben can now go on and live the rest of his life."

Law Report, page 30



Michael Nolan, left, failed to exercise reasonable care in a match, leaving Ben Smoldon, right, paralysed

### Number is up for italic car plates

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to clamp down on customised lettering on number plates because it cannot be read by speed

Registration letters and numbers in italics or in the style of a computer print-out will be banned under a new British standard typeface, the Department of Transport announced yesterday.
Although the existing rules

specify the height of the characters and the width of their strokes, they do not cover the typeface, a loophole that has led to a rash of new styles.

Ministers have not yet de-cided to make the existing style the legal standard, as lower-case letters and different colours are being

The announcement came as

the Government inaugurated a four-month consultation on the future of the registration plate. The present system an annual registration letter followed by three numbers and three letters - must be replaced by July 31, 2004. It is unpopular with the motor industry because the August rush for new registrations coincides with the holiday

Options being considered include a quarterly change of registration letter to even out sales, a change of registration every three or four years to make use of a greater combination of letters and numbers, a geographical indicator hased on postcode or region, and a deregulated system allowing any mix of charac-



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# Moscow fury as Columbus dethrones Tsar Peter



IT IS vast, hugely expensive and in honour of a man who actively disliked Moscow. Furthermore, the critics of the monumental statue of Peter the Great being raised on the banks of the Moskva river say it is actually a recycled Christopher Columbus.

Members of the Moscow artistic intelligentsia staged a protest meeting last Sunday against Zurab Tsereteli and his fatest 165ft statue. The protesters said that as much as \$50 million (£30 million) of city money has been wasted on the statue of a Tsar who rejected Moscow as his capital. The statue is being erected to mark the 300th anniversary of the Russian Navy in what is a landlocked city. The statue itself is not impressing Muscovites either.

"It is monstrous, I just don't have the words for it," said Yuri Nikolayev, an oil painter selling his pictures on the em-bankment in the shadow of the statue.

The final charge against Mr Tsereteli is the most unusual one: self-plagiarism. Four American cities rejected his plan for a 311ft statue of Columbus before the city of Columbus, Ohio, approved the idea. But they have not yet found the funding to start creating it.

Mr Tseretell has denied that the statue is just an inverted image of his earlier design, but the similarities are striking. Columbus stands on a ship on top of a thick column, left arm raised, right arm resting on a ship's helm. Peter the Great is also standing on a ship on a column. Only it is his right arm that is lifted up, holding a scroll. His left hand is holding an eightspoked ship's wheel identical to the one on the Columbus statue

It is not the first time that Mr Tsereteli has been accused of recycling designs. A sculpture in bronze called Tragedy of the People, in memory of the victims of the Nazis, was commissioned for Moscow's war memorial park, Pokionnaya Gora (The Hill of Bows). It depicts the gradual

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW



Peter the Great, the Tsar who rejected Moscow as his capital



Columbus, who found America while seeking a route to India

(sraeli commission that was later shelved. After a host of complaints the Russian version, which used up most of the bronze in the city's sculpture store, has been shipped to a less prominent location.

For the sculptors of the Moscow Artists

his "cultural adviser", the folk singer losif Kobzon, Mr Tsereteli has already put up five major monuments in the capital.

His largest monument to date, a war memorial called St George and the Dragon, is particularly controversial. It is supposed to be an angel perched on a sword, but has been unfavourably compared to a cockroach skewered on a pin Alexander Solzhenitsyn recently joined the chorus of complaint and fulminated against Mr Tsereteli's massive and third-rate monuments".

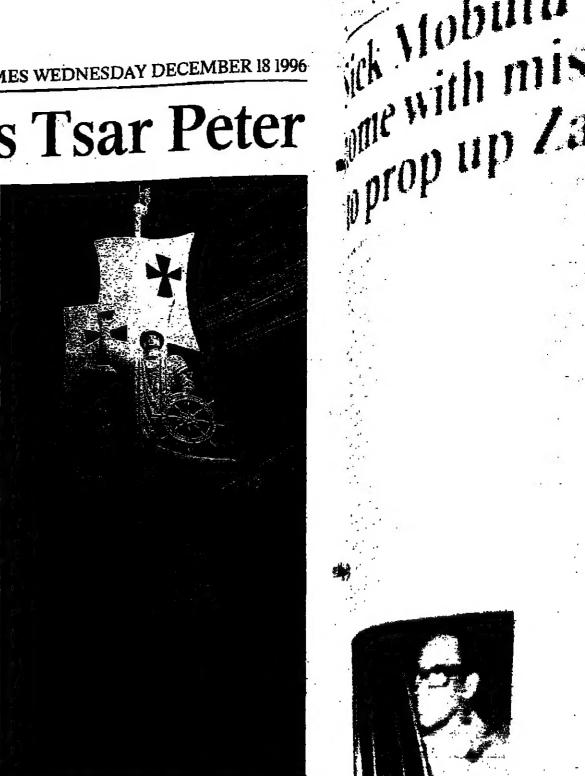
Igor Bondarenko, an architectural historian, said his main objection to the new statue was ethical not aesthetic. If it was not Mr Tsereteli, he said, they were capable of commissioning "someone even

"I am depressed and annoyed by a system in which someone can take decisions like this without any consultation," said Mr Bondarenko. "Why should I be forced to look at this Columbus in a new guise when city money could be being spent in so many better ways?"

Mr Tsereteli first won fame 15 years ago with a statue celebrating the friendship of the Georgian and Russian peoples. A tall rectangle spilling out letters of the Georgian alphabet, it met with a puzzled but generally positive response in Mos-cow. His abstract style was greeted as a welcome change to the tradition of sombre, figurative statues of Soviet leaders. But ironically since the break-up of the Soviet Union. Mr Tsereteli has reverted to the more traditional style against which he used to react.

He is now consolidating his status as court artist. He and his patron, Mr Luzhkov, were recently awarded the Russian State Prize for Literature and the Arts by President Yeltsin.

"My work is not yet finished, so it is too early to give any kind of evaluation," Mr Tsereteli said at the weekend. "It will be a new ensemble of worldwide importance. which is why the Moscow Government is attaching such huge importance to the



Columbus, commissioned by Columbus in Ohio, which critics say is a model for the Moscow work

### Aid workers quit Chechnya over **Red Cross deaths**

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

WESTERN aid organisations munity working in Chechnya. yesterday ordered an emer-Merlin, the British medical yesterday ordered an emer-gency evacuation of their staff from Chechnya, after gummen using silenced weapons murdered six Red Cross workers. five of them women, as they slept in their beds.

brutal incidents of the twoyear separatist conflict, several suspected Chechen gunmen broke into a hospital in Novye Atagi, 11 miles south of Grozny, and murdered the aid workers early yesterday.

Local residents came out to

watch as colleagues of the victims loaded coffins onto a white lorry bearing the logo of the International Committee of the Red Cross. The hospital has treated 1.500 people since it opened in September.

No one claimed responsibility for the murders, and both the Chechen authorities and the Kremlin were quick to condemn the incident and emphasised that it should not be allowed to undermine their

peace agreement. Nevertheless, the attack did have the immediate effect of halting practically all foreign assistance to the region. The ICRC described the

incident as the single worst attack on its organisation in its 133-year history and ordered the immediate evacuation of its remaining staff from the war-torn republic. It named the victims as: Hans Elkerbout, a Dutch construction technician; Ingeborg Foss, a Norwegian nurse; Nancy Malloy, a Canadian medical administrator; Gunnhild Myklebust, a Norwegian nurse; Sheryl Thayer, a New Zealand nurse; and Fernanda Calado, a Spanish nurse. News of the murders caused

panic in the foreign aid com-

charity, ordered the evacua-tion of its staff from the area. It has suspended its programme for one week while it considers whether or not to continue its operations.

reportedly pulled out its staff from Chechnya earlier this year after a number of its employees were kidnapped by masked gunmen and only freed after ransom payments. Ruslan Kutayev, a Chechen official, said the killings were

"an intentional and planned provocation aimed at foiling" presidential and parliamenta-ry elections scheduled for January 27. It is widely suspected that hardline Chechens, opposed to the peace deal with Russia, may have targeted the Red Cross workers in an effort to destabilise the shaky

agreement.

The attack will be particularly humiliating for Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, the Chechen President who is running for re-election, because he lives in the village and it is considered one of his strongholds. His authority has been severely tested over the past few days. Over the weekend Salman Raduyev, a renegade Chechen guerrilla leader, made his opposition to the truce with Moscow plain when he abducted 22 Russian servicemen and issued de-

mands for their release. The two incidents, coming so quickly one after the other, have renewed speculation that, once Russia pulls the last of its troops out of Chechnya next month, the nation will not evolve into a new democracy but rather slip into a state of anarchy where authority will lie with various armed clans.

### Daughter's role denied by Kremlin

BY THOMAS DE WAAL

THE Kremlin denied a newspaper report yesterday that President Yeltsin's daughter. Tatyana Dyachenko, is going to be given the official status of presidential aide, a move that would anoint her formally in her role as the President's closest adviser.

The heavyweight newspaperSegodnya said given an official title before the month's end. Sergei Yas-trzhembsky, Mr Yeltsin's press secretary, denied the report, but gave himself a letout, saying only that there were no documents con-

firming the appointment.

Mrs Dyachenko, 37, is credited with having been her father's chief image-maker during the summer election campaign. Since then she has stayed one of his closest political advisers and a close colleague of Anatoli Chubais, the Kremlin chief of staff.

A monthly poll of experts in Nezavisimaya Gazeta to list Russia's "I00 leading politicians" put Mrs Dyachenko tenth this mouth, ahead of the defence, interior and finance ministers. The Opposition dubs her part of an unac-countable clique running the Kremlin.



### Russian intelligence service exposes 400 spies in two years By RICHARD BEESTON

IN THE past two years officers with Russia's counterintelligence service have identified and put under sur-

veillance about 400 foreign operatives and apprehended 39 locally recruited Russian spies, Nikolai Kovalyov, its head, said yesterday. He added that Moscow

was ready to overlook this year's damaging spy dispute with Britain, predicting that the two countries would continue to co-operate on intelligence.

Speaking at a Moscow press conference, Mr Kovalyov, who heads the Federal Security Service (FSB), the successor to the KGB, said Russia was the target of numerous foreign spying networks. "Unfortunately, the forecast for the coming years tioes not suggest

that the activities of foreign special services will diminish," he said.

Among recent arrests, he highlighted that of Platon Obukhov, the junior Foreign Ministry official accused of spying for Britain. His arrest in April triggered the worst spy dispute since the Cold War, involving the expulsions of eight diplomats, four each from the embassies in Moscow and London.

The British assumed the mode of communication they used was based on the latest technology, the latest achievements of science and technology, and they thought this was perfectly safe," said Mr Kovalyov, suggesting Britain had been lax in handling Mr Obukhov. "I do not think it will affect the relations be-

tween the two countries," he said. "In some ways the British special services have helped us a great deal."

He also accused the United States, Israel, Sweden, Turkey and the Baltic states of running intelligence-gathering operations in Russia, adding that a Russian working for an unnamed European state would be exposed soon.

Still based at the Lubyanka, the infamous home of the KGB, the FSB has lost much of its power over the past five years. Its inadequacies were exposed during the Chechen conflict, when it failed miserably to gather

It is becoming increasingly active in areas such as fighting organised crince, cor-

intelligence on separatists.



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### Sick Mobutu flies home with mission to prop up Zaire

PRESIDENT MOBUTU of than the average Zairean's Zaire returned to Kinshasa yesterday after months of cancer treatment in Europe to confront his toughest political task - how to prevent the break-up of the vast country.

Stepping off his chartered plane from Nice, the last of Africa's great dictators, who has amassed billions during his repressive 31-year rule, raised his hands in salute to 20,000 "supporters" in the crumbling capital. The 66-year-old leader was accompanied by a huge entourage of security guards, aides and family members.

His flight was followed by a cargo plane carrying consumgoods such as French washing machines, refrigerators, televisions, video recorders and other items purchased in a last-minute shopping spree by the Mobutu clan. Each of the consumer dura-bles, making up the President's haggage, costs more annual wage of £200.

Many African observers were surprised that Mr Mobutu bothered to return. "He has salted away the best part of \$9 billion (£5.4 billion), he's dying, old, and has probably lost all credibility he had with his own people. Why he didn't stay where he was [in the south of France] and watch Zaire fall apart on satellite TV beats me," one Western ambassador in Nairobi said.

But others believe only he can hold Zaire together as rebels in eastern Zaire have seized control of a swath of the country and routed his army, The rebels - the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation, Congo-Zaire - under Western pressure have been offering ceasefire negotiations for the last ten days. So far Mr Mobutu has given few clues to his plans for tackling the Rwandan-backed rebel offensive in the east.

to send an envoy to meet with the rebels so that they can negotiate some sort of peace," another ambassador in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, said. Before leaving France, Mr Mobutu met many French politicians, African leaders and Raymond Chrétien, the United Nations envoy, but he has not said whether he hopes to negotiate an end to the rebellion or muster his demoralised troops for a

counter-offensive.

at home, and he is dying.

There are also signs that he

has been wheeling and deal-

ing behind the scenes, trying

For the past five years Mr Mobutu has ruled a country the size of Western Europe with a mixture of well-timed chaos, to prevent his enemies from organising an effective opposition, followed by comte indifference. As a result, the mineral-rich provinces of Shaba and East and West Kasai have established a form of autonomy, and North and South Kivu are now under control of the rebels led by a veteran guerrilla leader, Lau-rent Kabila. They have vowed to march on Kinshasa.

African leaders are worried that, if Zaire falls further into chaos, anarchy will spread to the nine nations bordering it; civil wars already rage in Burundi and Sudan.

Mr Mobutu's first task may be to rein in his own adminisa form of government for the future. tration before both the Government and Zaire collapse under a rebel onslaught. This is the sort of challenge he might like. Perhaps he will rise to it," a veteran African



A woman tries to protect her belongings yesterday as she wades through the floodwaters in the southern Indian city of Madras. Thousands of homes were submerged, rice crops were damaged and more than 80 people were killed during heavy rains in Tamil Nadu state last week

### Peking's chosen chief tells Patten to face reality

TUNG CHEE-HWA, Hong Kong's Chief Executive-designate, yesterday urged the Governor, Chris Patten, to face the reality" and help to establish

"Too much argument has gone on over the provisional legislature," the 59-year-old shipping tycoon said in comments before flying to Peking for his formal appointment as the future leader of post-colonial Hong Kong. Mr Patten has denounced the proviFROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

sional legislature as unwarranted and says he will have nothing to do with lt. will be chosen on Saturday. Speaking to the Joint Chambers of

Commerce, Mr Tung said the British and Hong Kong Governments were "wrong" for refusing to co-operate with Peking's handpicked Provisional Legislative Council which, on July 1 next year, will replace the present wholly elected Legislative Council

(LegCo). The new 60-member council

Both councils will operate at once and, obviously, in mutual opposition. Although the provisional council will not formally take office until July 1, its influence will be great if not decisive from the start. Nevertheless, Mr Patten has described it as "this echo chamber". Mr Tung has admitted that

there are doubts about its legality, but he said this will be resolved.

Although Mr Tung was careful

yesterday not to set any clear limits on free speech, he left no doubt what he would discourage. "Achieving our aims need not go through open confrontation or street demonstrations," he said in an oblique reference to Hong Kong democrats, who frequently take to the streets to protest against Chinese actions.

### **Israelis** reject US criticism

President Mobuta and his wife arrive at Nice

airport from where they flew home to Kinshasa

THE Israeli Government yesterday rejected criticism by President Clinton that its policy of Jewish

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, declined to comment but Yitzhak Mordechal, the Defence Minister, made it dear that his Government intended to expand Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, despite increased pres-sure from the United States not to do so.

The policy of this Government is to strengthen settlement in places where it exists," Mr Mordechal told reporters during a

There are natural needs and necessary growth and I believe this policy is clear and was explained to every national and international element. If there are disagreements, it is better for us to talk about them."

### Australia uncorks wine's genetic code

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

poised to further consolidate its worldwide reputation with the development of genetically

enhanced vines. The breakthrough, announced by scientists in Adelaide yesterday, is expected to transform the country's wine and dried fruit industries by boosting - both - productivity

and quality. Australian researchers be lieve the genetically modified vines will produce superior grapes, enhanced flavour, improved colour development and increased disease

The research team, funded by the Australian Government's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, has already produced 20 grape vines from single cells in a test tube environment, each containing a new introduced gene.

Nigel Scott, the research team leader, revealed that they had managed to isolate the vine genes responsible for differing characteristics, such

THE Australian wine indus-try, which already enjoys an enormous British following, is to a system to return the genes in a modified form into the grape vines.

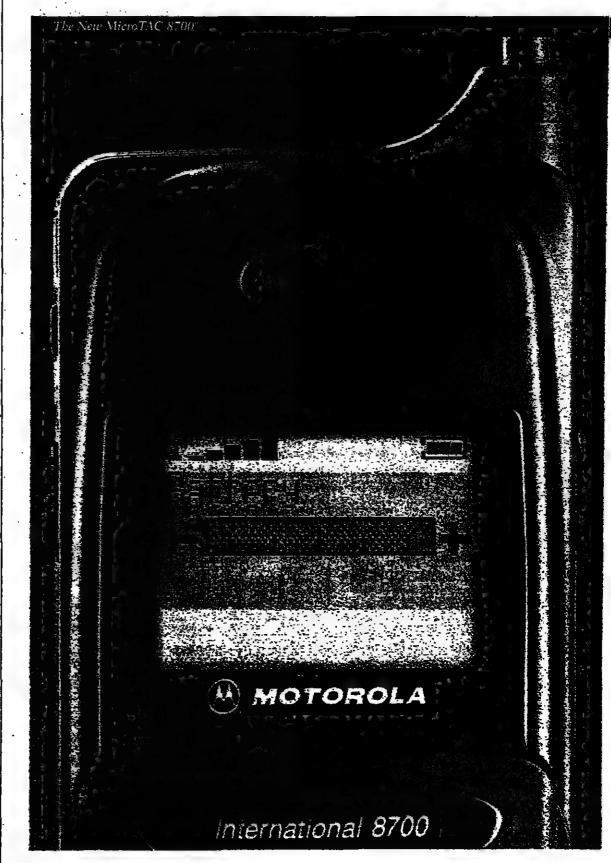
That's what we have now, he said. "It is a tool which is used for most transformations of plants but for grape vines it has been more difficult. It is the last piece of the jigsaw puzzle we need."

Mr Scott said their research would now move on to colouring agents in other grape vines including the chardonnay and cabernet varieties. Success In this area could reduce the need for sulphur dioxide in white wines and enhancing the colour of red varieties. The process might also help to Isolate those genes which prevent some of the more damaging vineyard diseases.

Australia's wine industry, already worth £750 million, produced an all-time record grape output for the 1996 intage of 885,000 tonnes. With production expected to increase rapidly over the next few. years, yesterday's an-nouncement could place Australia on the threshold of a

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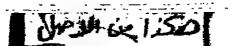


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### Clintons' fighting fund repays cash to Buddhist sect

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE CLINTONS have been forced to repay \$640,000 (about £400,000) in questionable Asian donations that were intended to help in settling the mounting legal costs of scandals involving the The latest embarrassment

to the President and his wife emerged after trustees of their legal defence fund announced that much of the money, received from an Asian busibeen raised at American meetings of a controversial Buddhist sect based in Taiwan. Although the money was

returned last spring, long before a controversy erupted over Democratic campaign finances, the repayment was not made public until more than a month after the Clintons were returned to the

Created in 1994 to help to pay the legal fees incurred by either Bill or Hillary Clinton. the defence fund currently faces \$2.2 million in bills from inquiries into Whitewater, the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit and numerous other investigations. Without the dubious donations, trustees said the fund now totalled little more than \$100,000.

Mrs Clinton is once more at the heart of this latest sage involving Charles Yah Lin Trie, a native of Taiwan and a longstanding friend from Ar-kansas. In March Mr Trie presented the fund with two large envelopes filled with cheques, all apparently from American citizens. Many of been issued by the same people, others were corporate and most of the money had been raised at meetings of one Buddhist organisation. The rules of the defence fund insist contributions cannot come from companies, must



Hillary: new saga

be personal and should be no reater than \$1,000 a year. The Suma Ching Hai International Association is one of the fastest growing sects in the United States. Disciples are ordered to divorce their spouses and stop having sex with their partners if they fail to recruit them to the Buddhist organisation.

Ching Hai, the master, has auctioned personal effects, handkerchiefs and even her Volvo to raise funds for the group. Last year one initiate said she had spent \$800 on a pair of the leader's socks.

We concluded under the circumstances we should not accept the contributions and

### Belgians reward top sax appeal

ton's services to the saxophone have been recogby a Christmas present from the Belgian town of Dinant, birthplace of the saxophone's inventor, Adolphe Sax (1814-1894). The gift was a brooch made from 18-carat gold in the form of Mr Clinton's fathe decision to return the Mrs Clinton," said Michael Cardozo, the chief trustee.

At the time the trustees informed both Mrs Clinton and Harold Ickes, the deputy White House chief of staff, of their concerns and the cheques were locked in a box while investigators tried to trace all the donors. Initially, Mr Cardozo said, Mrs Clinton ap-Trie's name, but then remembered that he had a restaurant in Little Rock, "Only then did she say, 'Oh I think that is one of the restaurants where Bill used to go for lunch when he

Under the circumstances it was therefore surprising that two weeks after the meeting the White House announced the appointment of Mr Trie to a 16-member advisory panel on Asian trade.

The return of the money is certain to focus further attention on this shadowy figure from the Clintons' past. Even before the announcement, there were indications that the Taiwanese restaurant owner may have had a hand in orchestrating questionable contributions to the President's re-election committee.

He first met Mr Clinton while he was running the Fu Lin restaurant in Little Rock but has since become an international business consultant who maintains a flat at the Watergate complex in Washington and has recently started a partnership with Ng Lap-seng, a Chinese born developer living in Macau. Mr Trie also has links to the

Riadys, the Indonesian billionaires at the centre of congressional inquiries into irregular donations to the Democratic electoral cam-



### American women break through \$10m pay barrier

FROM OUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

FEMALE chief executives in American business saw their salaries leap last year, breaking through the multi-million dollar barrier.

Women still earn 71 cents for every dollar earned by men in American business, and only 2 per cent of the bestpaid executives are female, but the gains suggest that change is on the way.

The top woman on Working Woman magazine's list. fitness executive Linda Wachner, was paid \$11.2 million (£7 million) last year — a male executive, Lawrence Coss, who was paid \$65 The number of women in

the ranks of best-paid executives at "Fortune 500" comin the United States) almost doubled last year. According to company re-

ports filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, the ten best paid women in US business are: ☐ I: Linda Wachner, Warnaco and Authentic Fitness,

3: Carol Bartz, Autodesi computers, \$5.5 million ☐ 4. Sally Crawford, Healthsource, \$4 million. cosmetics, \$3.8 million. ☐ 6. Ngaire Cuneo, Conseco insurance, \$3.7 million. ☐ 7. Jane Hirsh, Copley phar aceuticals, \$3.4 million.

8. Nancy Pedot, Gymboret clothing, \$3.2 million.

1 9. Donna Karan, Donna Karan fashion, \$2.8 million. ☐ 10. Sharon Mates, North

### Williams charge over Senna used liberally in Italy

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TTALIAN legal experts said yesterday that Frank Williams, the Formula One team leader charged with manslaughter over the death of Ayrton Senna, the world champion, was unlikely to face the full sentence of five years in prison if convicted.

Lawyers said it was probable that he and five other

people, due to stand trial in February, would be given suspended prison terms of less Manslaughter - in Italian

omicidio colposo, literally cul-pable homicide — is a charge frequently brought in Italy in cases where a person is deem-ed to have contributed to the death of another "through negligence or fault. It is generally regarded with indulgence", one legal expert said. Often the defendant is not required to appear in

The announcement of Mr Williams' trial raised little missed by Italian newspapers yesterday in a few brief paragraphs in the sports pages.
The Italian legal system, based on a combination of

Roman law, the Code Napoleon and Fascist-era laws, is notoriously Byzantine and long-winded. Approximately eventually thrown out, while many others take years to come to court.

The charge against Mr Wil-liams under article 589 of the Italian penal code, which provides for manslaughter charges, comes after a twoyear inquiry by the public prosecutor in Bologna, and a review of the evidence by a local examining magistrate, who decided to bring charges. Senna, a Brazilian and three times world champion, died on May i, 1994, when his car crashed at the Imola track during the San Marino Grand allege that Mr Williams and

others contributed to the driver's death "through negligence or fault" because the steering column had been modified to the point where it snapped as Senna took a curve at high speed. Track officials are also charged because they were responsible for all mainte-

Lawyers for the Williams team say the steering column remained intact until the moment of impact, and that the charges are unfounded. Those charged are Mr Williams; Patrick Head, the Williams technical director; Adrian Newey, the teams chief designer: Federico Bendinelli, the imola race track director; and Giorgio Poggi, a senior track official. The Imola officials also say they bear no responsibility for what

Roberto Causo, a lawyer for the Williams team, said man-Italy. The trial would be heard by a pretore, the equivalent of a local magistrate in the English legal system. His judgment will be open to

lawyers for Imola, said: "We bility for what happened.

Legal experts said the charge of manslaughter has even been brought in cases where a mother accidentally suffocated her baby wile sleep ing next to it. The maximum sentence of five years is rarely judged leniently, sources said.

The trial leaves the future of Formula One in Italy in question. Flavio Briatore, the Benetton team boss, one of the most important men in the sport, said he would be unwilling to race in Italy if Williams was convicted.

### Challenger debris washes up on beach in Florida



Challenger explodes seconds after lift-off in 1986

shuttle Challenger washed up on the Florida shore yesterday nearly II years after it exploded, killing all seven

Nasa identified a rectangu-lar piece of metal, 6ft by 15ft. and a smaller piece, lft by 5ft. that was found further north as being parts of the doomed

The larger piece, believed to be part of the rudder, tail or wing flap, had pieces of ther-mal tiles attached. Some of the tiles still had identification numbers on them, said Bill

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN CAPE CANAVERAL, FLORIDA

been verified. It is for sure a piece of Challenger," he said. It has been several years since any Challenger pieces have surfaced. Although Nasa regularly receives reports of debris, it usually turns out to be pieces of unmanned rockets or other flotsam and jetsam.

"It's uncanny," Mr Johnson said. "First of all, it's a very large piece, and nothing so big has washed up in Florida before. They've washed up in

nearby Cocoa Beach.

Challenger exploded 73 seconds after lift-off on January 1986, killing Christa McAuliffe, who was to have been the first teacher in space. Jarvis, and their five crewmates. A leak in a joint on the right solid-fuel rocket booster was blamed.

Within a day, hundreds of pounds of metal was salvaged. The remains of the astronauts were found in March 1986 in the debris of the crew cabin. Both items were to be taken to Kennedy Space Center for

they will be buried with the other reclaimed Challenger remains - about 5,000 pieces weighing a quarter-million pounds - in abandoned missile silos at the adjoining Cape Canaveral Air Station.

The others in the Challenger crew were commander Francis "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael Smith; Judith Resnik, the second American woman in space; Ronald McNair, the second African-American in space; and Ellison Onizuka, the first Asian-American in

### White rhinos killed in Chinese bungle

A PAIR of rare white rhinoceroses died because of a bungle after the beasts were sent from the United States to a remote 200 in western China. The animals, two of about

6,000 surviving, died because of dehydration after five days in blazing heat in an open lorry. The rhinoceroses were a gift from San Diego Zoo, where officials admitted this week that the animals ought never to have left America. The beasts arrived in Shanghal in mid-July, looking

rail wagons proved too small for their cages, a lorry was used for the 1,200-mile trip to Chengdu. On July 21, the animals died after five days on the road. The journey would have taken two days by rail.

Song Yunfang, of Chengdu Zoo, said: "Air-conditioned lorries were scarce and we thought since they were tropical animals they should have no problem with the heat. It's very regrettable but we ex-pended all possible efforts."

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### White House aide in \$3m book deal

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

FOR four years the Wunder-kind of the White House. terday landed a publishing deal worth almost \$3 million (£1.8 million) for his personal memoir of life with President

The basis for the lead character in Primary Colors, the fictional account of the 1992 campaign, Mr Stephanopoulos has chosen Little Brown to publish what he described as his own episodic narrative of policy and politics in the White House.

After a six-day auction among publishers in New York, the deal was seen as yet another coup for the political adviser by many of his col-leagues in the American

Soon to be leaving the White House, Mr Stephanopoulos will be paid \$500,000 more than his erstwhile associate, the disgraced consultant, Dick Morris. Mr Morris, who resigned after reports of his liaison with a prostitute in Washington, is thought to have a seamier tale to tell about his dealings with the First Family. "I feel like I won the lottery, in reverse," said Mr Stephanopoulos after he clinched the deal. "Now I have to do the work." Although he has kept no

diaries or notes and is expect-

ed to have the volume ready

for publication late next year, Mr Stephanopoulos, 35, said he had a "very good memory". Since announcing his departure from the second-term Administration, Mr Stephanopoulos, a former Rhodes scholar, has already accepted a teaching position at his New York alma mater, Columbia

University, and has joined ABC News for an undisclosed sum as a political analyst. There have even been reports that he might offer unpaid assistance to the campaign of Tony Blair in Britain.

He is still having trouble selling his Washington apart-ment for a reported \$1.2 million and, according to an investigation by Vanity Fair, has run up \$70,000 in legal bills responding to a series of charged with no criminal

### Computer in a trillion

New York: There is a new record for supercomputing: 1.000,000,000,000 calculations a second (Quentin Letts

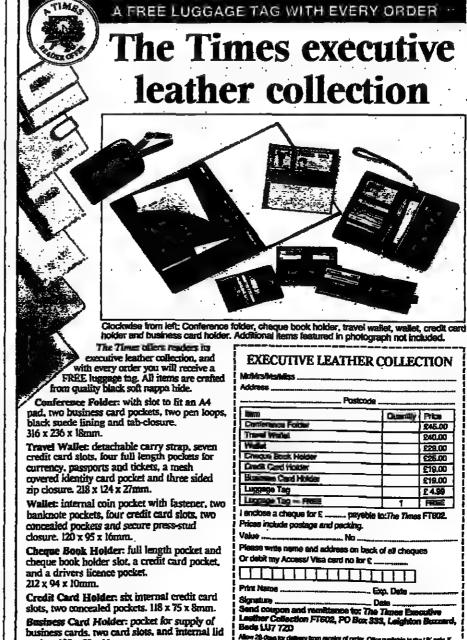
The "trillion barrier" (trillion in the American sense) was smashed by a huge \$55 million computer part-de-signed by the US Govern-ment. The "Terallops" machine is three times niftier than the previous Japanese supercomputer champion.

Teraflops consists of a string of 7,624 ordinary desktop Intel Pentium chips placed in parallel and programmed as one. Scientists worked on the program for two years. In the time it takes a human to blink. the Oregon-based supercomputer has dispatched 40 billion calculations.

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### Lion of St Mark is stolen from altar

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ST MARK'S Basilica in Venice, once described by John Ruskin as a "treasure-house and confusion of delight", had one less treasure and a bit more confusion yesterday after the theft of an early 17thcentury bronze lion.

The loss has symbolic importance for Venice, whose symbol is the Lion of St Mark, usually shown holding a book with the words, allegedly addressed to the evangelist by an angel who appeared to him in the lagoon: Pax tibi, Marce evangelista meus (Peace be with you, Mark, my evangelist).

Police said the lion, one of a pair at the foot of an altar in a side chapel, appeared to have been stolen early last Sunday morning. Its absence was not noticed until Sunday evening. Embarrassed officals at the Basilies confirmed the theft

Some newspapers speculated that the lion which was prised off its marble pedestal with a during Mass and that worshippers either did not notice or thought the

The bronze lions were cast in 1615 by Gabriele Oriandini. Police said their market value was "impossible to calculate". They suggested the iion had either been stolen for the thieves would demand a ransom for its return.

### Juppé rushes into print to insist he is no monster

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

ALAIN JUPPÉ, France's desperately unpopular Prime Minister, laid bare his inner turmoil in a book published yesterday in which the un-loved, thin-skinned Prime Minister declared: "I am not a

M Juppé's cri de coeur, entitled Entre Nous (Between Ourselves) and written in the space of just four afternoons, is a strange mixture of self-pity, self-deprecation and self-justification.

Early assessments of the slim volume ranged from "honest and uplifting" to "bizarre" and "cringeworthy".

In 116 pages of large print,
M Juppé, Sl, laments the way he has been portrayed as an arrogant technocrat, pleads

for affection and insists that beneath his cool exterior beats the heart of a passionate man. "I am not a monster of indifference ... I am less dry and armour-plated than the newspapers and drawing rooms reckon," he writes, noting that his political col-

leagues and journalists look at

him "the way people look at a builtight waiting for the buil to Like all men who take the front of stage. I need recogni-tion, consideration, even affection," he proclaims. "I can make mistakes, I have already

made mistakes. One of these may have been



Juppé: wrote 116 page book in four afternoons

which was condemned by the Socialist Opposition yesterday tion completely removed from France's problems ... at the moment when French people are demanding that he think about them, Alain Juppé is preoccupied with himself.

Entre Nous, produced in deepest secrecy over the past six weeks, was apparently inspired by an unpleasant encounter in Bordeaux, where M Juppe is Mayor, Strolling in the city, the Prime Minister noticed a "fashionable-looking

couple" walking towards him. They look friendly. At the moment they pass, the woman starts leaping like a goat and shooting 'Die, you bloody idiot!'. Pretty passer-by, I wanted to reply to you," he

"This is not a PR stunt, this is a cry from the heart," one of M Juppe's advisers said, but it is clearly part of a concerted effort to give the ailing Gov-ernment a more human face at a time of deep disillusionment. "The French people grum-

ble about change, and since I am the one trying to force this change, they find it a relief to blame me for their ills," the Prime Minister writes. M Juppé, nicknamed "the

computer for his numbercrunching approach, said during a television interview on Monday night: "I would prefer to be loved than not to be loved, but I am not complaining. If I said I didn't care, people would say I was indif-"It is the book of a man who

has been wounded, a little unhappy and, at the same time, quite calm," M Juppé writes. Computers have feelings, too.

Stepdaughter held: Sophie Deniau, the stepdaughter of Jacques Toubon, the French

Justice Minister, was taken into custody yesterday by police investigating the near bankruptcy of a ski resort in



How Hachfeld in Le Monde sees the troubled birth of the European Union's single currency

### Prodi coalition at risk as IMF tells Italy to cut budget deficit by £5bn

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) yesterday warned the centre-left Gov-ernment led by Professor Romano Prodi that it will have to shave a further £5 billion off Italy's huge public deficit "as soon as possible" if it hopes to qualify for the European single currency.

The proposed 1997 budget has aiready led to demonstrations, and commentators have predicted further public protests in the new year if a "supplementary budget" is introduced, posing a possible threat to the Prodi

An. IMF team visiting Rome said Italy would have to reform its bloated public sector and cut state support for pensions, welfare and health spending. The Govemment, which took office in May, has so far avoided cutting the welfare sector for

fear of alienating the hard comfortable majority in the Left, on whose votes it de-Senate. The budget now repends in the Lower House. turns to the Lower House for The centre-right Opposia final reading before the end tion, led by Silvio Berlusconi, of the year. Failure to pass it by December 31 would force said the IMF message, in an

ly's fiscal credibility.

end-of-year report on the Italian economy, meant that the country was doomed to "stay outside Europe". Signor Prodi said, however, that the general thrust of the report had approved the Government's handling of the economy and its attempts to reduce the deficit through a combination of spending cuts and tax increases, including a highly mpopular "Euro tax".

Yesterday the Government won a series of confidence votes in the Senate on its controversial budget, which aims to cut the deficit by \$40 billion (£24 billion), but the opposition parties boycotted the vote.

d the vote. attacks from his own camp, government with Signor The Government has a with Massimo D'Alema, the Berlusconi.

leader of the former Communist Party of the Democratic Left (PDS), declaring at the weekend that the ruling coalimain element — had lost sight the Government to introduce which it was formed. "The challenge before us should be provisional measures which would risk undermining Ita-

Cesare Romiti, the outspoken and powerful head of promising to govern for five years and draw a line under Fiat, said Italy was "going through a tragic moment" in its history, with a ruling class deficient in personalities. "Italians are beginning to realise they do not have even a crumb of hope for the future," he said. Signor Romiti added that the priority should be growth and job creation rather than a desperate attempt to qualify for European monetary union.

tion — of which the PDS is the of the reforming ideals with nothing less than the transformation of Italy," he said. Signor Prodi came to power

Italy's postwar history of fragile "revolving door" governments. Signor Berlusconi forecast earlier this month, however, that the Government would fall in the spring. Many Italians believe that Signor D'Alema has also privately concluded that the centre-left could fall apart, and is preparing the Signor Prodi also faced ground for a "national unity

### NEWS IN BRIEF

### **Nigerians** sold as sex slaves

Brussels: Belgian police have smashed a major prostitution ring involving Nigerian girls brought into the country on forged papers and sold into sexual slavery. The ring also involved Italy, The Netherlands and Germany.

We know that at least 30% girls passed through this ring," Gendarmerie Captain Bernard Libbrecht said yes-terday. So far 12 people have been arrested iReuteri

### Casinos to shut

Ankara: Tansu Ciller, the Turkish Deputy Prime Minister, ordered casinos to be shut as part of efforts by the Islamic-led coalition to curb gambling. She said: "Casinos make families suffer." (AP)

### Burma threat

Bangkok: Burma's military Government said Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyl is a trailor conspiring with the West and will be de-stroyed, said an article in the state-run press. (AP)

### Fighting spreads

Mogadishu: The banle for the Somali capital widened when militiamen led by Ali Mahdi Mohamed joined the fighting. which has killed more than 135 people and wounded 900 in five days. (AFP)

### Minister jailed

Seoul: Lee Yang Ho, the disgraced former South Kore an Defence Minister sacked from the Cabinet in October, was jailed for four years on charges of bribery and leaking military secrets. (Reuter)

### Guerrilla killed

Algiers: Algerian security forces shot dead Brahim Kadi. alias Kaalous, a Muslim guerrilla leader sought for more than 50 murders, the Frenchlanguage daily L'Authentique said. (Reuter)

### Suicide attack

Colombo: A Tamil Tiger suicide bomber killed a senior police commando near the eastern town of Karativu, police said. In a separate attack seven soldiers were killed by a landmine. (Reuter)

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### Diplomats join strikes over Greek budget

The General Confederation of Labour organised a mass

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anti-austerity slogans outside the gates of parliament as deputies took their seats for a

over plans to scrap their generous tax privileges — tied up almost half the European

case abroad, because they are vexed that their entertainment

Focus on Greece, page 31

### rally at which people shouted

Athens: Thousands of public and private-sector workers, from merchant seamen to diplomats, were out on strike yesterday in a final attempt to get the Greek Socialist Government to ease its 1997 budget - the tightest in 15 years

five-day budget debate.

No surprises are expected in Saturday's vote, even though the Socialists led by Costas Simitis, the Prime Minister, have only a 12-seat majority. Merchant seamen - angry

Union's commercial fleets in a two-day walkout that began

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Diplomats are refusing to argue the country's political

ing the school Christmas holiday by at least a week, demanding higher pay rises. On top of that, Greece's

farmers are in the twentieth day of a strike that has cost industry and business about £500 million.

### allowances are to be cut. Starter's orders for

new Bosnia force By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

MORE than 30,000 troops. including Americans, British and Russians, were given their orders yesterday to begin Operation Joint Guard, the latest military peace mission for Bosnia-Herzegovina. Faced with another 18

months in Bosnia, the new Stabilisation Force (Sfor), which will also include troops from 17 non-Nato countries, will start officially from tomorrow, when the one-year mandate of the Implementation Force (Ifor) expires. Yesterday Nato defence ministers approved the activa-

tion order for the new force at a meeting in Brussels. Walter Slocombe, American Defence Under-Secretary for policy. said: The force will continue to be heavily armed and it will have a full range of armoury both to protect itself and, if necessary, to act decisively against violations of the Dayton peace accord that ended the 43-month war in Bosnia ...

The new force has no new orders to track down and detain war criminals, despite pressure from The Netherlands and Canada for more powers to arrest those indicted

Earlier Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, gave a warning that the freefall in defence spending throughout the alliance could undermine its ability to act. He spoke out after a Nato defence review showed that the operation in Bosnia had suffered from inadequate intelligence due to

lack of money.

Mr Portillo said European defence budgets had dropped to 1.9 per cent of GDP, of which only 14 per cent had been spent on advanced equipment. This compared with American defence spending, equivalent to 3.6 per cent of GDP, with 26 per cent going on new weapons.

The row between America and France over command of Nato's southern forces in Naples remained unresolved. America has refused to countenance surrendering control of the Naples command.

☐ Beigrade: President Milosevic yesterday met student protesters marching for democracy. It was the first time the Serbian leader has met protesters who have held four weeks of rallies since opposition victories in local polls were overturned. (AP)

### Pilot 'given warning'

THE crew of the military aircraft that crashed near Dubrovnik on April 3 killing Ron Brown, the US Commerce Secretary, and 34 other people was warned by a Croatian pilot, who had just landed, to divert to Split because of appalling weather (Michael Evans writes).

The alert came as the US

Air Force CT43A aircraft was

Dubrovnik's Cilipi airport, The plane crashed 125ft below the top of a 2,300ft mountain, about 1.7 miles to the left of the runway. Pilot magazine said the

board's report blamed 'a failure of command, aircrew error and an improperly designed instrument approach procedure". Sixteen American officers descending on its approach to were disciplined,

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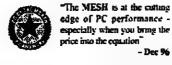


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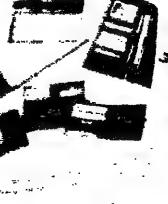
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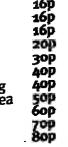


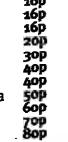
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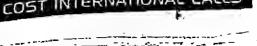
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### New Lads lead fashionable pitch invasion

Sportswear has moved off the field and into the high street, says Grace Bradberry

SPORTSWEAR is no longer just for the sports field. In the past few years, it has made significant inroads into other areas of men's lives, and has become a huge part of the men's fashion market.

Saturday morning strolls down the high street, Sunday lunches in the pub, and the occasional long walk can now all be undertaken without embarrassment in gear that could easily see you through the entire football season. You don't even have to be fit to get away with it, although it helps to be broad-shouldered.

The rise of the New Lad, with his predilection for "bloke's clothing" has boosted the trend. Television programmes such as Fantasy Football League, presented by Nick Skinner and David Baddiel, and They Think It's All Over have also been influential. Spectator sports are now cool and you need to have the gear. Should you make occasional forays on to the football field, then so much the better.

But once high fashion gets hold of a trend, it can transmute it into something you wouldn't feel happy wearing on the terraces. At one end of the spectrum, there's the sort of sportswear that doubles as clubwear. At the other, there's "blokey" sportswear — comfortable, unpretentious, suitable for the rugby club. This is where Timberland comes in. The company has already established itself as a favourite for boots. Men like them. They're fashionable without being trendy, and they're emi-

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Now the American com-

pany has launched "Timber-land Sports Series" in Britain, a collection designed to bridge the gap between the company's heavy-duty range, designed to withstand wilderness treks, and its straightforward sports-orientated

The principle behind it is guaranteed to appeal to the sort of men who recoil at an unnecessary lapel or an over-shaped shirt. What men really want, say the executives at



Speciator sports are cool



Clothes with bloke appeal

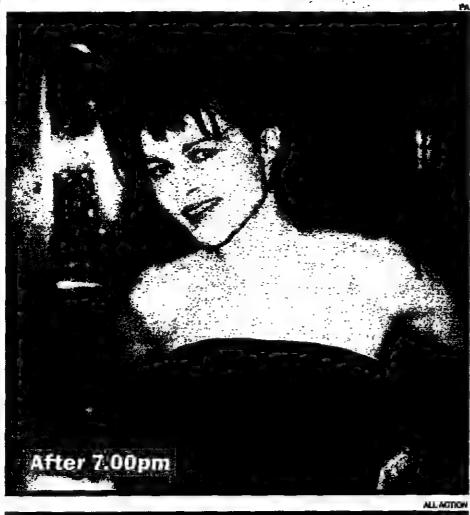
neon T-shirts and jagged patterns, but generously cut, durable clothes in strong colours. They've been designed with tennis, après eki and the gym in mind. They're also very comfortable for siump-

ing on the sofa.
The clothes are modelled here by Greg and Jonathan Searle, the brothers who rowed for Britain at the last two Olympic games, winning gold in Barcelona and bronze in Atlanta.

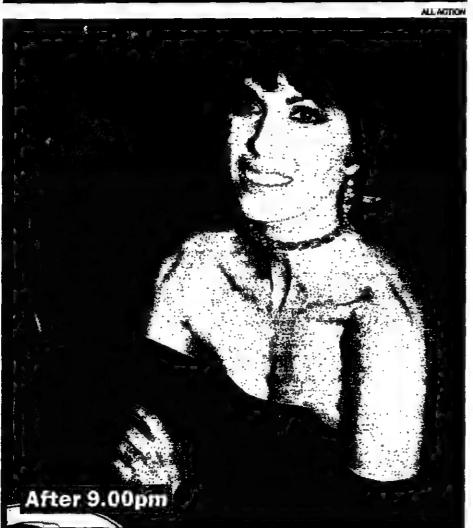
The range is priced from £25 for a T-shirt to £200 for a waterproof jacket. Jersey shorts are £40, rugby tops. £50, and polo shirts, £60.

• The Timberland store is at 125 Long Acre, London WC2

# How bare do you dare?









Following the basic code of breasts under wraps until the clock strikes eight are top, Helena Bonham Carter, left, and Linda Evangelista; bottom, Joanna Lumley, left, and Caprice

ever has the gap been wider between what most women dare to wear at parties, and what is officially chic. Designers have gone mad for diaphanous this season, and fashion groupies baring all have been making a peculiar spectacle of themselves at otherwise

Whatever you do, don't be tempted to join them, unless you have ambitions to be a designer's muse — in which case the more outré the better. Sane, intelligent women are still very careful about what they reveal at parties. Glance around any society event, and you can spot the new arrivals quite easily. They're the ones trussed up in jackets or cardigans, their eyes flitting nervously round the gathering, lighting on exposed breasts or high necklines. Once they establish that there is plenty of

uncovered flesh about the place, the cardies come off, and the wraps are allowed to fall away from the breasts.

If there's a run of parties, starting with six o'clock cocktails, and moving on via a party to a late dinner, then the anxiety is still more acute. Baring the back at 7pm could be construed as vulgar. But failure to bare it at 9pm could give an impression of frumpiness. If the hosts have gone to a lot of trouble to create high-octane glamour, then you let them down at your peril. So what degree of nakedness is acceptable, and at what time? To avoid making the flesh check every time you enter a room, the basic code is as follows: at lunch, everything must be

How much nakedness is acceptable and what can be shown when is the dilemma of the season. The Times Style Editor steers the best course between vulgar and frumpy

Grace Bradberry

covered. At six o'clock drinks, the skirt rises and the tights become sheer. After seven it's time to reveal the arms. The breasts, however, remain under wraps until eight. As

the night goes on, the décolletage reveals itself in its full glory. Current fashion lore, however, flies in the face of this rule. Designers are in love with seethrough dresses, visible panty lines, and enormous holes where holes shouldn't be. Even supermodels can't wear it. In the latest issue of Vogue, Stella Tennant models a turquoise bra from Agent Provocateur, but

through dress but I realised pretty quickly that you can't wear those kinds of things in real life."

Not everyone takes such a sensible view. Last weekend, Liz Hurley attended a screening of her film. Samson and Delilah, wearing a black Ungaro dress that was not only backless but also transparent. "You could see her bottom

confesses. "I bought it to wear underneath a see-

right through it," remarked one observer. Even Miss Hurley, who seems to relish this kind of scrutiny, finally took cover beneath Hugh "As far as I can see, you can go

stark naked now," reflects Ewa Lewis, social editor of Tatler. "Older women in particular do seem to think bare flesh, whatever the state, is attractive to men. Essentially, however, if it looks good, then there's no code." So while most of us adhere to a

conservative convention, it can be astonishing what the beautiful people will get up to. "I've been to lunches where people have been quite dressy and boobs have been shown," says the society fixer Liz Brewer. "Last year we all wore our jackets with an uplift bra and slight

Many people, it seems, operate a sliding scale. To show serious flesh you're looking at nine o'clock, when everyone's sufficiently hazed

over," says Amanda Craig, author of Vicious Circle, a novel full of media parties. Someone gave me an Yves Saint Laurent inkers t

white shirt, with slits almost to the armpits," says Jilly Cooper. "It's got a high neck and you can gradually undo the buttons as you go on. By dinner it's practically down to the navel. In certain circles, however, it is chic to be over (which means under) dressed in the early

evening — it indicates that you are due to appear somewhere grander. "Nowadays people are very understanding," says Ewa Lewis. "If you're going to a drinks party, then a grand ball, you'd go to the first party in a ball gown."

enerally, this means sleeveless, and sometimes backless. Camilla Leigh-Pemberton, who runs the party planners Fait Accompli, reflects that it wasn't always like this. "In winter, it always used to be the thing to wear dresses with sleeves. But that has changed. You do see people in transparent blouses over bras, and it seems in some staggering way to be sort of accentable."

Acceptable, perhaps, but rarely attractive, You can't blame designers for indulging in experiments. But don't suppose that every time they attempt to subvert conventional ideas of beauty they carry the entire population with them. For the foreseeable future, a flash of a stocking or a glimmering collar-bone will continue to hold more allure than a visible panty line, or a drooping turquoise bra.



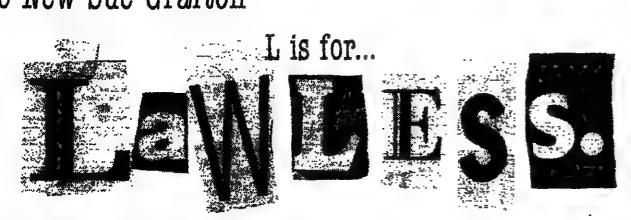
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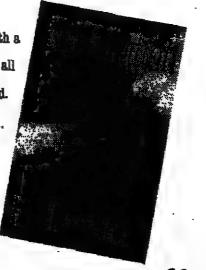
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# Are women deeper thinkers than men?

Then Aung Sam A new book which looks at the spiritual life of ma's Opposition party, gave the opening address in Peking last year at the international women's conference, her audience expected a stirring call for democracy or

women's rights. Instead they heard a long and thoughtful speech about the nature of tolerance, the meaning of fear, and the difference between people who are capable of learning and those who are not; she thought it was a more important distinction than the difference between good and evil.

Her speech was as much a philosophical treatise as a political address, centring as it did on the feminine qualities of tolerance, compassion - and the ability to learn. "I am not talking of learning in the narrow sense of acquiring an academic education," she explained, "but of learning as the process of absorbing those lessons of life that enable us to increase peace and happiness often caught up in the affairs

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women reveals some profound differences

between the sexes, says Magnus Linklater

in our world." Her long years of enforced solitude underhouse arrest had given her time and food for thought, she said, and her conclusion was that women, with their traditional role as mothers and as teachers of their own children. were far better equipped to listen and to learn than men. It was time they turned what was too often a passive virtue

into a positive asset for Daw Suu Kyi was not voicing an entirely new idea. Writing 40 years earlier, Arme Morrow Lindbergh, wife of the aviator Charles Lindbergh, suggested that women had a greater capacity for contemplation than men. They turned inwards for strength in a way that men who were so

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of the outward world, tarely attain a greater understanding of themselves and the world A woman, she wrote, "must because they give more time be still as the axis of a wheel in and thought to seeking it than men. Without the male need to the midst of her activities; she compete for material success. must be the pioneer in actieving this stillness, not only for her own salvation, but for the salvation of family life, of society, perhaps even of our

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between the minds of

men and women is to venture into dangerous territory. It mirrors the same prejudices that have conditioned social attitudes to women down the centuries - and still exist today. They are the attitudes that programme girls into accepting a different set of expectations and a different status from boys. "Real women in the real world are continually conditioned," wrote Germaine Greer in The Female Eunuch, "Because the difference is so wholeheartedly believed in, it is also experienced." At its extreme, it may be the unforgiving view of Pythagoras: "There is a good principle which created order, light and man, and an evil principle which created chaos, darkness and women." It can justify the repressive attitudes of fundamentalist religions. and even in its mildest form it may influence the form teacher who automatically assigns the girls to "environmental studies" and the boys to engi-

neering. A new book which looks at the spiritual life of women down the ages sidesteps this male/female argument, and instead explores the way women have dealt with their inner life. In doing so, it reveals some profound differences in their approach. Women, it suggests, often

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for political advancement or prestige, women have been able to concentrate instead on a different, and perhaps a more rewarding set of priorities. As Sarah Anderson, the book's editor, writes in her introduction: "Because fin the past) women had little or no opportunity for outward activities, these very limitations forced them to look inward, an activity which led to the acqui-



Virginia Woolf

sition of an inner strength, a self reliance, and increased Sometimes their conclu-

sions are deceptively simple, like that of Katharine Arme ·Porter, the American writer, who nearly died of influenza in the First World War, and experienced what she called the happy vision just before death". That convinced her that for most of her life she had made the mistake of trying to live like other people. "It took me a long time to realise that that simply wasn't true, that I had my own needs and that I had to live like me."

The poet Kathleen Raine, cchoing Blake, says that "improvement comes from without genius summons from within ... what we are worth is not what we have, not even what we have made or done. but what we are." Jane Hamilton, a modern novelist, writes similarly: "... for me God was something within that allowed me, occasionally, to see".

Sometimes they strive towards something more cos-mic, like Virginia Woolf, writing about the "exceptional moments" which shock us

occasionally into a realisation of what lies behind "the cotton wool of daily life".

She talked of the pleasure she got from piecing together an explanation of these mo-ments of shock: "From this I reach what I might call a philosophy... that we are parts of the work of art. Hamlet or a Beethoven quartet is the truth about this vast mass we call the world.

"But there is no Shakespeare, there is no Beethoven: certainly and emphatically there is no God; we are the words: we are the music; we are the thing itself."

Some themes emerge emotion as inseparable from thought, for instance. George Sand wrote: "The best visible effects emerge only from emotion, and emotion comes only from conviction. No one is ever loved by something he doesn't ardently believe in." Simone Weil said: "A poem

is beautiful to the precise degree in which the attention whilst it was being composed has been turned towards the

And Isadora Duncan expressed the same thoughts about her own passion in life dance: "I believe that in each life there is a spiritual line, an upward curve, and all that adheres to and strengthens this line is our real life the rest is but as chaff falling progress."

One subject, however, is notable for its scarcity --- men. in an age obsessed by "rela-tionships" it may come as something of a shock to find that women consider there may occasionally be more interesting things to explore than the opposite sex. Love, of course, makes regular appearances, but mainly as a route to higher things.

o when Henriette d'Angeville, a French mountaineer, writes, "My heart beat furiously, my breathing was impeded, and deep sighs burst from my breast," she is actually talking about her first sight of the top of Mont Blanc.

Whether this book reveals women as deeper thinkers than men, or simply that they take more interest in the affairs of the soul is less relevant than the light it sheds on a dimension of their lives we do not hear much about Perhaps it is simply, as Germaine Greer once wrote, part of the "continuing dialogue between the wondering woman and the world".

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Compliments to our chefs may be premature

### The proof of the British pudding

flattering. It would be unnatural not to be a bit pleased when the president of the Epicurean World Master Chefs' Society, and a Frenchman to boot, has apparently hailed Britain as the gastronomic centre of the world. And this isn't a compliment from just anyone, you know. Monsieur le Président is an eminent chef, one Jean Conil, who served is apprenticeship with Auguste Escoffier. It's rather like having a person who did a training analysis with Freud praising someone's psychoanalytic technique

But I can't imagine these words have made M Conil exactly a hero in his own country, where French culinary supremacy is an article of faith. It's not as if he was happy to leave it at praising the Brits — he came, too, to bury the French. We have people like Marco Pierre White and Gary Rhodes to thank for our new-found culinary eminence, M Conil concludes, where:

French chefs are finished". I wrote in this paper some weeks ago about the demise of good food in France, so I can see what M Conil i getting at. And, up to a point I agree. But he wildly, wildly enaggerates. Even Marco Pierre White appears embarrassed by the eruberance of this official flattery. Not someone known for his modesty (nor should he be, someone with that talent) he has respond-ed honestly. "I don't believe we serve the best food in the world," he said (he's right, we don't, adding that nic though it may be to be praised and recognised "we do have to be realistic".

The thing is, I'm not sure anyone wants us to be realistic. It's not enough that we have to have the best pop

stars and the best models, we now live in a fantasy world in which we have the best food. The reality is rather different. Of course things are immeasurably better than they once were - 40 years ago people had to go to Timothy Whites for olive oil and to Soho for pasta - but just because we now have Sainsbury's Special Selection and a whole battery of superchefs doesn't mean we're living in "gastroheaven". We confuse a number of things in our

keenness to trumpet our own gastronomic ascendancy. In the first instance, we confuse London with Britain. It is now relatively easy to eat well in London, but - and I don't care impossible to eat well out of it.

Restaurants are the most obvious area of difference. Good restaurants in the country lend to be of the squarty-scripted, countr house variety, boasting a menu stuffed with too many adjectives and too many ingredients; elsewhere it can be all but inedible. I am not saying you can never eat well outside London, of course you can; and to show my regionally correct sincerity I declare I'm desperate to visit Nick Nairn's Braeval in the back of the Hibernian beyond. Generally, however, culinary prospects are dismal out of central London. (I once tried to get a cheese sandwich in Somerset. There I was, driving around the county where cheddar is made and all I could get were damp squares of pappy white bread smeared with marge and tasteless plastic cheese.)

This first, pre-eminent, confusion leads me to the second. We confuse the particular few with the general many. That is to say,

Marco Pierre White and Gary Rhodes (I'd throw in Gordon Ramsay and Alastair Little while we are counting home-grown blessings, and there are a few more too) we presume the general level of cooking in this country to be higher than it is. It is undoubtedly the case that we have very many good restaurants and that there is a growing number of homes in which food and cooking are reckoned important, but it is just as true that we consume an ever-increasing number of microwave meals and dinners.

bought from the chill-cook cabinet. I don't doubt is that there is an enormou interest in food now in this country. What I question is how much of society this interest permeates or, indeed, how far, culinarily speaking, this interest takes us. You don't measure a nation's culinary health by judging its professional kitchens, but by

looking at how ordinary people eat at home. France may have earned its gastronomic reputation by its Michelin-starred restaurants, but the heart of its cuisine is learnt at Maman's, or Grand-

maman's knee, And if there is a decline in restaurants in France it is not so much, as M Confl, sadly declares, that the great chefs can't afford the ingredients that would do justice to their talents (we do know, after all, about bad work men and so forth) but that sons and daughters won't work for nothing in their more, so those cheap but extraordinarily good family establishments are going by the board. It is that culture that is dying out.
Food and cooking have

improved here, but it is still the case that the produce is very much better in, say, France or Italy. I am not talking about luxury comestibles (everything is available everywhere now) but about everyday fruit and veg. What is more, people are not really prepared to pay for food to be better. I'm not talking about people who can't afford more, but those who could. When I interviewed that passionate fishmonger Steve Hatt some years back, he told me that so much of our best fish went abroad because no one here would pay what it costs in the shops. And all the time, independent butchers are going out of business because people would rather buy plastic-wrapped, fat-trimmed, tasteless meat from the supermarket. Good produce isn't cheap — but you can't eat well unless you get good raw ingredients and that is the end of it.

aving read M Conil's comments a little more closely, I see that money is in some part, the motivation behind them, too. It is so hard to make a living out of cooking well that it is hardly surplising if most chefs are obsessed with making money, when so few of them ever will. Anton Mosimann once wrote movingly of his horror at the widow of a great chef having to sell his knives to survive. So it is to be expected that M Conil's real admiration lies in the entrepreneurial flair of the British chef. He notes how many make money and, more, how many become millionaires. I don't want to be a party-pooper and

praise is of course gratifying, but we should not allow ourselves to be patronised into a state of such unjustified complacency.

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### Can I take out a contract on **Martin Amis?**

ortified? Yes, a little, how could I not be, I am only flesh and blood, but it is professional flesh and blood, and its mortification is thus mitigated, willy-nilly, by that gobsmacked admiration which mere toilers in the vineyard cannot but feel for a master vintner.

I refer, of course, to the latest coup de foudre by Martin Amis, who, just when we thought all the bets were down, the laurels browed, the medals struck, the t's crossed and the is dotted on another year of major literary achievement, has once again sprung into the lists at the very last moment of the eleventh hour and shot straight to the top of the 1996 honours board with a masterpiece of contracting so original, so daring, so brilliant, as to leave all others at the post. Unquestionably, his new million-plus fourbook deal with Jonathan Cape is the contract for this Christmas: I have spoken to almost every serious bibliophile in the country, to publishers, agents, PR men, financial managers, lawyers, marketing advisers, distributors, franchisers, independent film and TV producers, personal fitness consultants, and their consensus is total — if you were going to curl up with just one contract this Christmas, Martin's was the one to curl up with. Though each interviewee had already nominated his Literary Achievement of the Year — some had plumped for Nick Leeson's beautifully constructed deal with Little Brown, others had chosen Joan Collins's superb Random House courtroom drama, several had once again been bowled over by the range and inventiveness of Delia Smith's adroit mix of tiein and spin-off, and not a few had been forced to admire the sheer in-your-face chutzpah that the Duchess of York had managed to introduce into some of her sub-clauses all now conceded that the knee had to be bowed before the creative genius of Mr Amis in getting himself out of a mere half-million two-book contract with HarperCollins and into a one-million four-book contract with Cape, notwithstanding the failure of the first book of the first contract to recoup its advance. It has confirmed his status as this country's most innovative negotiator. It has made him the envy of all. Certainly of me. I had a contract out this

Christmas, but, despite the fact that it was my 32nd, it stirred no interest at all. What am I doing wrong? Everything. I have just read it again, and it is as dead as a cliche. Its advance is so modest as to make nobody jealous, and, thanks to recouping that advance. it has made nobody angry, either. It does not have a single controversial clause — insisting, for example, that the party of the first part, hereinafter referred to as The Author, relain all inc ovenware ments of star in any mini-series The Work may generate or refuses under pain of prosecution to identify any royal personage or serial axe-murderer portrayed in said Work — and the closest it gets to originality appears to be a scribbled jotting replacing a line of small print to the effect that, after 1997, the publisher washes his hands of any responsibility as to whether the new proprietors of Hong Kong will bonour international copyright agreements. I suppose I could have stormed into my publisher's office and kicked up a fuss about that, but I beg leave to doubt that the row would have made the headlines.

But I shall know better next year. Around June, I shall put together a crack team of top-flight literary agents, intellectual property lawyers, international accountants and other literary grandees, who will work day and night on the plot of my latest contract, a work of such depth, breadth, subtlety, character and mould-breaking brilliance as to whet the bibliophiliac appetite to distraction. Tantalising snippets of the work in progress will leak into the world's press, a gobbet con-cerning a billion-Deutschemark deal with BMW here, a hint of Mossad involvement there, rumours of the peerage I require before starting volume three, snapshots of the Van Gogh I require before finishing volume four; early drafts will be stolen, repudiated, litigated over, until, finally, just before Christmas, the finished work will be ready. Whereupon a special signed edition of 500 morocco bound contracts, a hardback print of 100,000, and a million paperbacks will simultaneously be published, to the unbrid-led joy of all who care about good books.



# Hero of the last horizon

o man was so easy to debunk as Laurens van der Post. In 1987 he took the Prince of Wales on a proto-Jungian safari in the Kalahari Desert. They communed with the collective unconscious. They were said to have discussed the oneness of humankind, the bridge of faiths and the decay of urban society. A native hunter had once told van der Post that "should the whole human species vanish from the planet tomorrow, there would not be a plant, bird, insect or animal that would not breathe a sigh of relief". It was a seminal moment, the prince and the guru glorying in the unverifiable.

Van der Post, who died two days ago. was a delightful, egotistical romantic who craved membership of King Arthur's Round Table. Like many immigrants, he was a fanatical patriot. And as with many who are cursed to live in drew from him great strengths and some weaknesses. He saw no point in dwelling on the weaknesses. "Egos have an honourable role in life," he said. As the chrysalis of the soldier-journalist fell away, the world took possession of a fully-fledged mystic. He was God's gift to British cynicism.

I met Laurens van der Post only once. He was pressing, among other things, the claims of Chief Buthelezi to the leadership of South Africa. A friend asked me afterwards the standard guru question: "Were you for or against?" It was a question I could not readily answer. Van der Post seemed true to his image, a charismatic man whose life had been a sequence of experiences and thoughts not always in the right order.

He had survived the war in a theatre, Java, that lent itself to his leadership qualifies. I believe his most vivid contribution to the legacy of war was not his oft-recounted bravery (glamourised in David Bowie's Happy Christmas Mr Lawrence) but his awareness of the need for forgiveness. He talked and wrote constantly of the meaninglessness of hatred, the necessity of living with a new Janan. Those who have never fought a war, who forget how repellent an enemy Japan appeared at the time, may not realise the boldness of van der Post's stance. He affirmed a common humanity which later charges of fantasy and boastfulness cannot dim.

This was a conventional tale of a war hero and conciliator. Van der Post's life took a more eccentric turn. It was that of

Most gurus are frauds or fanatics, but Laurens van der Post was the real thing

the classic guru, noted by Anthony Storr in his book on the genre, Feet of Clay. A trauconfrontation with death was followed by a retreat into the wilderness. Van der Post went from Java to the desert, where he relates that a kudu at a

waterhole revived memories not just of his own childhood but of the childhood of man. "My God, I am back home," he cried. He was like Crusoe confronting Man Friday's footprint. He returned to civilisation to warn it of impending bombeite and asserted that salvation lay in the rhythms of nature, fixed in the memory of the Bushmen but lost from that of London.

Van der Post enjoyed all Storr's qualifications for gurudom, including magnetic charm. He had long blond hair, blue eyes and a strong nose. He talked softly and well. His egotism was untained by the need to immerse himself in any group. Van der Post's idols, Mountbatten. Jung, Churchill, de Gaulle, Thatcher, were treated as uncritically as many appeared to treat him. His intellectual self-confidence was unsullied by formal education. His assertions on history, conservation and anthropology were naïve and had no academic foundation. His relentless dualism - East and West, masculine and feminine, great memory and small memory, country and city — was devoid of rigour. As for Java, as Ian Buruma pointed out when reviewing van der Post's memoir of his time there, it was ludicrous to treat all Dutch as villains

and all British as heroes. Yet no sceptic wins an argument with a guru. The latter smiles sweetly and replies, "I know: you don't." About Africa, van der Post did know. He may have encountered no more than a handful of real Bushmen, but these yellow-skinned, pot-bellied people were for him a metaphor. After the wilderness and the vision, came the message. His message, of the noble savage and salvation through nature, has sold well since Defoe. It sells particularly well today.

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said: "Monsieur Blanc had re-

sponsibility only for the starters."

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Reith lecturer for next year: Patri-

cia J. Williams, Professor of Law

at New York's Columbia Univer-

sity. She will be talking about

race. Among her qualifications is the fact that she is the "great-

great granddaughter of a slave and a white Southern lawyer. At

Nature is good and cities are evil. All gu-rus advise their followers to avoid them. Urban living, said van der Post, was like war. It denies the Jungian

collective conscious-ness. It detaches us from our dependence on nature, it snaps the twig from the twisted tree of humanity. This view brooks no argument, Gurus do not invite discussion, only an audience. But that does not necessarily nullify their message. Yesterday I'reread the opening three chapters of The Lost account of the damnation of innocence. The book does not romanticise the

Bushmen, it merely recounts one man's obsession with their story. Van der Post was fascinated by a people living at the limit of human evolution. The Bushmen could fill their small bodies with sustenance like camels and run for days. Their flat-topped buttocks were huge with stored fat, their penises always erect, their eyes Mongoloid, their yellow skin impervious to the hottest sun on earth. A Bushman could



Laurens Van der Post

detect water from 20 miles by reading moisture in the sky. He danced and recorded his daily round on painted rocks, instilling in van der Post "an almost unbearable nostalgia for the vanished painter and for the spirit that possessed him". Here was a voice from the beginnings of man. It is impossible not to be moved.

Just as van der Post had pleaded with his contemporaries to understand and tolerate the Japanese after the war, so be pleaded for tolerance towards these Stone Age people. Of course their case was hopeless. They had adapted to the harshest environment of necessity. Like the primitive tribes of Borneo and Amazonia, nothing could save them from eventual assimilation and extinction. Their click-language flashed from their lips "like a sparkle of sun on a burst of flower", but it would die along with their habits and skills. Meanwhile we too are city life. We may not be able to run a hundred miles or extract snake venom to daub spears, yet our survival looks more assured than that of the Bushmen.

an der Post seemed to recoil from this thought. But he did not just idealise the Bushmen; he used them to champion the diversity of human beings and the fragility of their dependence on nature. He lead the movement to record, understand and, when they wish for it, protect endangered peoples. This was not nos-talgic paternalism. Van der Post's exegesis of the Bushman way of life was based on his belief that we must retain some practical relationship with the past if we are not to fall victim to the future. He believed in history. He warned constantly against "a society which has lost its memory". The warning applies as much to the built environment as to the natural, to what he termed our small memories of yesterday as well as our great ones of the Stone Age.

By insisting that we tolerate the diversity of human groups, van der Post felt he was guarding human universality. As a South African he was a passionate pluralist. In some hands, the message might be banal. In his it was exhilarating. He opened The Lost World of the Kalahari with a quotation from Roy Campbell: "Pass World! I am the dreamer that remains. / The man clear cut against the last horizon." Laurens van der Post was that dreamer. He never lost sight of the horizon.

# subversive idea

School takeovers let

parents choose, says

### Robert Skidelsky

s one who has tried, and so far failed, to persuade the Conservatives to take parental choice seriously. I was fascinated by Tony Blair's speech on education at Ruskin College, Oxford last Monday, Much of it was orthodox Labour Party stuff — "greater powers for local authorities", "improvement plans" with "targets" and "clear criteria". "expert advice and intensive support", and so on. But in the middle of this dismal list was a discordant, and subversive thought: head teachers of successful schools should be allowed to take over the leadership of failing schools.

Stated thus, it is a gimmick, and I am

surprised that Mr Blair introduced it in this unpersuasive way. The important thing is to reproduce a successful school. not have a successful head teacher running several schools. This is best done by allowing a successful school (or possibly an educational trust from the private sector) to take over a failing school and appoint a new leadership team committed to effective school practices. If anything survives of Mr Blair's proposal under a Labour government, it will be in this form, rather than

in his original version. Nevertheless, his idea is subversive because it suggests a mechanism for reproducing successful schools which does not depend on ever-increasing bureaucratic control over the school system. It is clearly modelled on business practice. Firms compete for custom. A successful firm increases market share; other firms learn from its example. It forms partnerships: it acquires and reconstructs failing firms. It is through this mixture of competition and co-operation that success is "reproduced" in business life, not by a flood of injunctions and regulations.

A regulatory framework is as necessary in education as in business. But it is a profound mistake to believe that it is through regulation that the heights are scaled. The importance of Mr Blair's subversive idea lies precisely in this recognition. It breaks free from the strategy of trying to force schools to raise their standards by strangling them with

hat does all this have to do with parental choice? For an answer we must turn to today's Audit Commission report, entitled Planning and Supply of School Places and Parent Satisfaction. The report argues that parents are being allowed little genuine choice when it comes to their children's education; 20 per cent of children are not able to attend their "first choice" school, and there is a low level of satisfaction with the choices parents are allowed to make. These conclusions are not surprising. If choice is to be real, popular schools must be allowed to expand. If they are not, two things are bound to happen: the oversubscribed schools will become increasingly selective; and a proportion of children will be allocated to undersubscribed schools, This is what has happened.

The Department for Education has always argued that "good" schools cannot be allowed to expand while there are "surplus places" in other schools. No doubt there are too many achool places in aggregate, due to demographic changes — though any system of choice requires some slack. But surplus places overall are not the main problem. More important is the fact there are too many places in unpopular schools, and too few in

popular ones.
This is where Mr Blair's subversive idea comes into its own. Popular schools should be allowed to expand by taking over unpopular ones, guaranteeing parents the quality of education they are looking for. A school is not the same as its buildings. To eliminate surplus places one does not always have to close down buildings - just make unpopular

The Audit Commission is right to say that the education system is in gridlock because opted-out, or grant-maintained, schools are no longer part of LEA planning systems. They are set to become the new generation of selective schools. The answer is not to reincorporate them into the planning system (Labour's traditional idea) but to free local authority schools to match supply to demand (the kernel of Mr Blair's subversive idea). Provided there are enough popular places — which is a function of both the number of places and the number of successful schools - the state system cannot be unduly selective, any more than the independent sector is. In other words, there should be a rough balance between the supply of places offered and the number of places parents want to take up. This is true of the independent sector

overall; it is not true of the state system. The weakness of John Major's Conservatism has always been its hostility to ideas. Now it has run out of ideas entirely. In education it has never had anything one could call a strategy. It has never made up its mind whether it wants a system based on parental choice or one controlled from the centre. No more than tit-for-tat can be expected of Mrs Gillian Shephard in the dying days of this Government. Yet it is all a great pity - because a system of parental choice fits much more naturally into Conservative than into Labour thinking. It might have been the Conservative. Party's "big idea". For the time being, we shall have to see what Labour makes of

Mr Blair's subversive idea. P·H·S | The author takes the Conservative with in the House of Lords.

### Love again

WINTER in Rome and the setting is fair for the renewal of one of Europe's great unrequited love affairs: between Prince Albert of Monaco and the model Claudia Schiffer. Neither was ever likely to score heavily for their pub quiz team, but for a while they seemed perfect together. Their friendship mirrored that between Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly. Albert's

Then they were separated while the short, hairy American magician, David Copperfield, entered then left Miss Schiffer's life with



Today, however, Prince Albert visits Rome and the Vatican with his father to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Grimaldi dyn-asty. Miss Schiffer is also in town. The Italian press are gurgling with anticipation, as it is widely expected that she will be Albert's

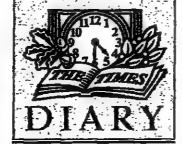
date at a gala dinner today.

Absent from the Grimaldi party will be the Princesses Caroline and Stephanie, who have had an uneasy relationship with the Vatican on account of their colourful personal lives. As the Monegasque Embassy in London explained, "they just did not want to go."

### Choc-a-bloc

THERE is more to the success of Ferrero Rocher chocolates than those terrific "at the ambassador's parties" television commercials. Unceasing prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes by the Ferrero family has ensured that their chocolates have crept up alongside fir trees, walnuts and woolly-scarved wassailers in British Christmas tradition. This, at least, was the explanation offered by the head of the family,

Michele Ferrero, at the party for

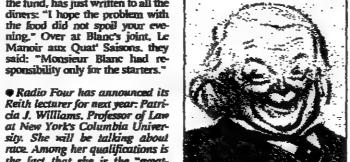


the 50th anniversary of his com-pany. The role of "the ambassa-dor" at the bash was intriguingly filled by Professor Ralf Dahrendorf, Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford.

### Rare indeed

APOLOGIES have gone out on behalf of two of the country's leading chefs, for making a mess of the World Jewish Relief Fund dinner earlier this month. The fund had hired Raymond Blanc and Albert Roux to cater for 400 at the Imperial War Museum. A kosher chef was on hand, but when the lamb came out, horreur! - it was too pink and had to be sent back. The two chefs appeared on the podium to apologise, and over the sound of heckling promised, "next time the

"Why does she still call me Brian? Can't she see I've had lamb will be medium". Ashley Mitchell, chairman of a sex change"



the bottom of the release about the BBC's intellectual jewel, we are informed that "The first Reith



Christmas cards from the Clarkes and from the Hart

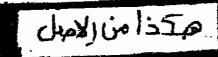
Lectures were given in 1948 by Bertram Russell.

### Telling all

CHRISTMAS CARDS arrive from the Left and Right of the Tory party. Ken Clarke and his wife Gillian have chosen an impish drawing of David Lloyd George, the famously independent-minded Chancellor and Prime Minister. Inside are a few anecdotes about Lloyd-George which may relate to Clarke's own recent party troubles. "On being asked how he maintained his cheerfulness when beset by numerous political obstacles," reads the card, "Lloyd George responded: Well I find that a change of muisances is as good as a vacation."

David Hart, wealthy consiglière to Michael Portillo and the Tory Right, goes for the devil eyes motif. Inside is the caption: "Old adviser, New Danger".

 Today Jack Straw addresses the Institute of Public Policy Research, the Labour think-tank Tickets to hear him cost £45. Last week, Gordon Brown and David Blunkett spoke there. Tickets cost between £170 and £300. "No reflection at all on their comparative worth, pleads the institute.



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# THEITIMES

### WHIPPED SENSELESS

A stupid piece of double-dealing does yet more damage

All is not fair in love and politics. Whatever the state of the Government's majority, and however close the general election, there are some levels to which no whip should stoop. David Willetts's overzealous attempt to nobble the chairman of a procedural committee pales as a sin beside Monday

night's fiddling of a Commons vote.

Last night this blatant deceit tested the usually seamless skills of the Secretary of State for Rebuttals, Michael Heseltine. Visibly floundering, he could find no words to defend the behaviour of the Conservative whip. Derek Conway, who had paired three Tory MPs with a Labour and Liberal Democrat each, thus ensuring that two Opposition MPs would be absent for every Member away on his side. Had the Ulster Unionists voted the other way on Monday's fishing motion, this chicanery would have turned a defeat for the Government into a one-vote victory.

That must have been the intended ontcome, since the arrangements were made long before the whips knew whether to expect support from the Unionists. The Government's recent attempt to prevent a debate on the single currency regulations showed how terrified party managers have become of losing-Commons votes. But to resort to cheating of such a kind can only be CT24 self-destructive.

Coming so soon after the revival of sleaze in the public mind; it merely reinforces the image of an administration that is prepared to put morality aside if it proves inconvenient. Even the more cynical of Conser-

varives were aghast at the trick, since it was almost bound to be exposed. Sure enough, after the unexpectedly large margin of victory on Monday, opposition whips conducted a post mortem. Once the figures failed to tally, Labour and Liberal Democrats consulted and the truth was out.

Not only will this imbroglio tarnish the Tories' reputation and sap morale on their benches; it has also given the opposition parties the pretext that they needed to make life even harder for the Government when Parliament returns in the New Year. Tony Blair has been tempted for some time to withdraw co-operation in the Commons in order to harry an already tense party. He needed an excuse. Now he has one.

With hindsight, Mr Conway's deception was not necessary, as the Unionists voted with the Government anyway. But even with foresight, it was an appalling mistake. Had the Conservatives again lost the fisheries vote, they might have made it look like a traditional December event, as predictable as it was insignificant for policy. Then Mr Blair would have had his bluff called. Either he would have had to hold a vote of confidence which he would almost certainly have lost, or he would have risked looking as if he were running scared.

Instead it is the Tories who are afraid of holding an undoctored vote on a controversial issue. Labour must be delighted by how little it needs to do to expose the weaknesses in John Major's party. Merely standing back and watching the Conservatives selfdestruct seems to do the trick.

### **ADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE**

Say it quietly: Saunders deserves his human rights

The martyr's robe sits uncomfortably on Ernest Saunders's surprisingly robust frame. The former Guinness chairman, having put his dotage successfully behind him, yesterday secured satisfaction of sorts in Strasbourg. The European Court of
Human Rights ruled that his conviction for fraid was a violation of his human rights. The Court denied him a payment in compensation, however, arguing that vindication in law should be enough.

It will be galling to many to see Mr. Saunders proclaim himself a victim of injustice. The deception involved in the Guinness takeover of Distillers encapsulated some of the least attractive of old and new City practices in the Eighties. But, uncomfortable though it may be to accept, the Strasbourg judges are right and Mr. Saunders's rights have been infringed. The test of a justice system is its ability to apply the dignity of due process to all.

Mr Saunders was convicted by a court which heard evidence obtained under duress. That evidence was extracted by the Department of Trade and Industry while investigating the Distillers takeover in 1987. The DTI, as a regulatory body rather than a criminal prosecutor, has the power to compel an individual to answer. The evidence gathered in this way was then passed on to the police and led to a criminal prosecution. Mr Saunders believes this evidence prejudiced his case. The Government argues that he would have been convicted even without it. Whoever is correct about the importance of the evidence there should be no doubt that it was wrong to reveal it in criminal proceedings.

It is sometimes appropriate for certain agencies to gather evidence which will be used to enforce regulatory powers, or aid further criminal investigation, but which cannot in itself be directly admitted in the course of criminal prosecution. A body such as the DTI is entitled to use exceptional powers when investigating, for example, the circumstances of a takeover or whether an individual is fit to be a company director. Different standards, however, should apply

in a criminal prosecution. The right to silence has been abused by criminals and the Home Secretary's decision to allow the courts to draw an inference from silence is an understandable revision of the rules of evidence. It is, however, a wholly different thing to admit evidence wrung from an individual denied the chance to say nothing rather than allowing his silence to influence a court's judgment. It offends against Article Six of the European Convention on Human Rights and, more importantly, against the Common Law principle that a defendant should not be forced to incriminate himself.

Adherence to principle need not frustrate the proper investigation of fraud or other offences. Under the 1985 Interception of Communications Act, evidence gathered from a wire tap is inadmissible in court; but the information thus acquired can be valuable background which makes it easier for the police to secure the admissible evidence they need. Similarly the Serious Fraud Office's Section Two powers allow it to acquire information which helps in the preparation of a prosecution case, even if it is not directly admissible. It is a commonplace of all detection that words which may not be used in court can nevertheless lead to the crucial information that convicts.

The Strasbourg judgment should also give Government and Opposition pause for thought as they consider the Police Bill, currently going through Parliament. If evidence secured by forced answers offends against human rights, how much more offensive are plans which would allow the police to acquire evidence by forced entry or bugging on the strength of a chief police officer's judgment? Such powers may be appropriate when dealing with terrorism but should not be placed so easily at the

disposal of every chief constable. British citizens should have their rights upheld in British courts and, more importantly, by the British Parliament. If neither can assert itself appropriately, many individuals more deserving than Mr Saunders will embarrass Britain by seeking redress

### **ENTRE NOUS**

My country does not understand me

Alain Juppe's passionate cri from a all to the good. Maybe the French, whose wounded coeur must rank as one of the most bizarre pleas of postwar politics, the living exemplar of the heat-sensitive person who, Harry Truman believed, should best get out of the kitchen. The French Prime Minister believes he is a maligned and misunderstood man - a passionate, sensitive soul who wants only to be liked and trusted but who is unfairly portrayed as a desiccated calculating machine. So pained is this cultured intellectual that he has revealed his torment in 116 pages of exquisitely refined self pity. "I am not a monster of indifference," he tells his readers. He is less armour-plated than those arbiters of haute société, the newspapers and Parisian salons, maintain. Even he, unlike a computer, can

make mistakes. Wearing your hearf on the sleeve of a slim volume has an honourable history in France, From Heloise and Abelard to Gérard de Nerval and Verlaine, those pierced by the arrows of love or fate have let their readers into their suffering. And most have made a fine profit from it. M Juppé believes that he, too, can share his hidden hurt with an intimate audience of 57 million French citizens and has coyly entitled his Seavre, wrung from him during four Sunday afternoons of literary labour, Entre Nous. If he can also stave off dismissal by President Chirac, or win the benefit of the doubt while cutting bloated bureaucracies, upper lips curl in grief, laughter or disdain more easily than those of many nations, will be indulgent to their suffering Prime Minister, if so, the diatribe inspired by the contempt of a pretty woman on a Bordeaux street will have paid off.

It is hard to see the tactic working on this side of the Channel. Would a John Major apologia -- My Not Inconsiderable Achievement - tell us of his pain at being coloured grey, his love of cricket, humiliation at questions about O-levels and the agonies he suffers at not ruling out economic and monetary union? And would it boost his poll ratings?

British politicians do venture into print, and rather more often than voters would like. Their confessions, however, rarely lift the lid on their tortured souls, or indeed on anything. The titles usually give away the content-free contents; Ministers Decide by Sir Norman Fowler is often seen as the classic in the genre. Few British Prime Ministers sit down at the word processor until the cares of office have been shed. Even those who were subjected to calumny and lampooning have told us little of how they felt: Sir Alec Douglas-Home wrote about fishing, Eden about his father and Churchill gave us history books. M Juppé comes from a different, confessional tradition. But for all his personal pleading, he may find his countrymen a nation of literary ingrats.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Child labour and trade agreements

From Mr Bill Linton

Sir, Your leading article today, "Traded away", is dismissive of the World Trade Organisation's obligation to oppose "exploitative" child labour, which you suggest is more appropriate to the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Of course it is true that in many

Of course it is true that in many cases either poor children work or they and their families starve, but that merely means that the solutions have to be a bit less simplistic than just boycotting goods produced by child labour. Export industries only account for about 5 per cent of the problem

It so happens that this very issue is addressed by Unicef in its report, published today, State of the World's Children 1997. This report advocates a three-pronged attack on child laba infee-prongen attack on child lan-our; releasing children immediately from the most damaging situations, eg, prostitution and bonded labour; the rehabilitation of children released from work, especially by education; and the protection of children who cannot be released.

The right way to go about it is illustrated by an agreement reached last year in Bangladesh between Unicel, the LLO and the Bangladeshi garment manufacturers, under which all child-ren under 14 are removed from factories and placed in schools, with a stipend as compensation for loss of income. The agreement stipulates that no further children will be hired and that the jobs previously done by children are offered to suitable adult members of their families.

Yours faithfully. BILL LINTON, 39a Fox Lane, Palmers Green, N13.

From Mr David Knight

Sir, Given that a mere 5 per cent of the world's estimated 250 million working children are employed (if that is the right word) in export industries, and that unforeseen consequences of past trade sanctions have included child factory workers being forced into prostitution to replace their income, your suggestion that opposition to exploitative child labour is not an appropriate task for the World Trade Organisation is possibly right.

On the other hand, I have just heard on Radio 4 that the Metropolitan Police are to be issued with a confidential corruption hotline card, inscribed for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing."

Yours sincerely, DAVID KNIGHT, Higher Trewoofe, Lamorna, Penzance, Comwall. December 11.

From Ms Christine Whitehead

Sir, It is wrong to use Third World concerns about linking labour conditions to trade agreements as an excuse not to consider implementing a social clause through the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Whilst Third World anxieties are understandable, if such a clause is implemented in the way advocated by Oxfam and many other concerned organisations, its introduction through the WTO would not be a cover for protectionism. The only protection this move would supply would be for the basic rights of substantial members of the world's poor.

For decades now governments have signed up to ILO conventions, which aim to protect the basic rights of workers. The crucial problem is that the ILO has no "teeth" with which to ensure that governments keep to these agreements in practice - which some do not. The WTO can supply these teeth, with the threat of sanctions as a very last resort, while the 11.0 - which represents workers, employers and governments both in the north and south - would oversee the implementation of such a clause. This would ensure that it does not become a protectionist tool in the hands of the

strongest economic powers.

A social clause is not about setting wage levels. Rather it would give workers the right to freedom of associ-ation and collective bargaining, empowering them to negotiate their own wage levels and decent conditions. whilst fully aware of the need not to frighten away investors.

Yours sincerely, C. E. WHITEHEAD (Senior Policy Advisor), Oxfam UK & Ireland, 274 Banbury Road, Oxford. December 10.

### Fully furnished

From Mr Edward Thomas

Sir, You publish a letter today from five people discussing the NHS. Three describe themselves as Chairs, two as Joint Chairs. Surely the latter could have merged to form a settee and then all five could have collectively characterised themselves as a suite of furni-

It's just a thought.

Yours truly. EDWARD THOMAS, Flat 4, 21 Jevington Gardens, Eastbourne, East Sussex. December 10.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

### Dissent on contest to build 'inhabited' Thames bridge

From Professor Gerald Dix

Sir, It is indeed surprising to read in Marcus Binney's report (December 10) that, not content with being an assessor in the Royal Academy's com-petition to design a habitable Thames bridge. Mr Gummer has "come out strongly" in favour of the design sub-mitted by M Antoine Grumbach.

As Mr Binney remarks, this is a highly controversial development pro-posal which, were it to be built, would dominate the view from Waterloo

Bridge of the dome of St Paul's. In accordance with the well tried procedures for the examination of schemes of this kind, responsibility for the final decision, based on evaluation of evidence presented at a public inquiry, rests with the Secretary of State for the Environment. But what confidence can one have in the outcome when the ultimate appeal judge has declared his views before the presentation of the evidence?

Unless the situation is pre-empted by a statement of his wishes by the Prince of Wales, who has significant influence but lacks statutory authority - or possibly by the arrival of a new secretary of state following a general election — Mr Gummer should surely state now that he intends to take no further part whatsoever in this case, or he should resign, possibly both.

Yours faithfully, GERALD DIX (Professor Emeritus of Civic Design, University of Liverpool), 13 Friars Quay, Norwich, Norfolk.

From Mr Andrew Hamilton

Sir, As one of those who attended the Royal Academy exhibition and found all seven of the proposed designs for an "inhabited" bridge totally inappropriate, I would love to know the proportion of spoiled papers. M Grumbach's bridge is no more "inhabited" than the rather more elegant proposal from Sir Norman Foster and Sir Anthony Caro half a mile down-

stream (report, December 11). The "inhabited" element is a grotesque 35-storey tower built alongside Temple Gardens on the Embankment - one of the few remaining cases of architectural elegance on the Thames waterfront.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW HAMILTON, 8 Carlyle Square, SW3. December I3.

From Sir Jonathan Mance

Sir. You report that the public has voted 2-1 in favour of Antoine Grumbach's "controversial" 35-storey tower in the Royal Academy's competition for the design of a habitable bridge across the Thames from Temple Gardens to the London Weekend Television tower. What is controversial is whether this is the right place for any bridge, let alone one incorporating so large a structure.

The vote conducted at the Royal Academy did not address that issue. The voting form presented a choice of seven designs, with no opportunity for dissent or comment on the principle or siting, unless by any who (like my-self) wrote upon it: "Wrong bridge in

the wrong place".

The proposed structure is certainly "daring". It would spoil the broad sweep and the tree-lined embankment of the river between Waterloo and Blackfriars bridges, interfere with a famous view of the City, and of St

Paul's in particular, and dominate the historic Temple quarter.

I hope, as a member of the Middle Temple, that I shall not be thought guilty of nimbyism if I commend Sir Norman Foster's concept, involving a simple pedestrian bridge, running further downstream, between the steps leading up to St Paul's Cathedral and the Tate Gallery's Bankside

power station. I walk this stretch of the river just as frequently as the Temple reach. It of-fers considerable scope for an attractive and useful crossing.

Yours faithfully, JONATHAN MANCE, St Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, EC4.

From Mr G. de la Bédoyère

Sir, If London is to have a purely pedestrian bridge it will not be the first, as Marcus Binney reports. The present Hungerford Railway Bridge between Waterloo and Charing Cross stands on the site of, and incorporates parts of, Brunel's sadly shortlived suspension footbridge, built between 1841 and 1845 to serve Hungerford market on the north side of the river. Demolished in 1863, its chains were re-used on the Clifton suspension bridge.

Almost every engineering project, it seems, was at least thought of first by a Victorian. And, no doubt the vociferous road lobby will ensure that a new footbridge is similarly shortlived before being incorporated into a six-lane superbridge for cross-London lorry

Yours faithfully, G. de la BEDOYERE, 20 Eltham Park Gardens, SE9.

### South Africa's Constitutional Court

From Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC

Sir, Your correspondent, R. W. Johnson, in his latest report from South Africa ("Boost for ANC after the new South African Constitution spurns federalism", December 10), has made some trenchant criticisms of the ANC Government's attitude to federalism. His views on such matters are worthy of consideration. His criticisms of the South African Constitutional Court

are in a different category. The court has certified that the new Constitution is in accordance with the basic principle that the powers of the nine provinces should not be "substantially less" than those granted in the country's interim Constitution. This leads Mr Johnson to assert - unjustifiably, in my view — that the ANC "called the court's bluff", that the court's president had admitted that the new constitution reduced provincial powers but had nonetheless certified that it did not, and that the court had "bent the knee to the ANC leaderMr Johnson also says that "the ANC has an overwhelming majority" in the court. This is simply false. Of the 11 members of the court 1 believe that three or possibly four (not including the president) were before their appointment members or supporters of the ANC, but no unprejudiced observer could find in their judgments any hint of pro-Government bias. Of the others, six had been judges of the Supreme Court of South Africa ap-

pointed to the Bench not by President Mandela but by Mr de Klerk or his A less subservient court or a more independent president than Justice Arthur Chaskalson would be hard to

find. The court's judgment certifying the Constitution was based on a careful analysis of previous and present powers of the provinces.

Yours faithfully, SYDNEY KENTRIDGE, Brick Court Chambers, 15/19 Devereux Court, WC2. December 13.

South Atlantic links

From the Ambassador of the Argentine Republic

Sir, I wish to refer to your report, "Falkland Islands fear for future under Labour" [December 9: letter December 12; report and leading article, December 14].

Today a true spirit of reconciliation prevails in Argentine-British relations, which are an excellent example of what can be attained by means of goodwill and plain common sense. Concrete achievements such as the South Atlantic oil agreement, growing British investments in Argentina and an ever greater bilateral trade give eloquent testimony of this.

An increased interest in contacts between the Argentine mainland and the Malvinas/Falkland Islands is totally in line with all the above. There are good reasons for building bridges instead of widening the divide. Amongst them, Argentina's constitutional commitment to pursue its claim peacefully as well as the facts of geography itself and the undesirability of regional isolation.

A first urgent humanitarian step, fully consistent with standard civilised practices, is to bring normalcy and dignity to the visits by the Argentine next-of-kin to the graves of sol-diers fallen in 1982. This issue was very adequately highlighted in your leading article, "Thirteen years on", on June 6, 1995.

A second natural stage would be the progressive opening of communica-tions between the islands and the Argentine mainland.

At this promising hour for Argentina and Britain, rather than rekind-ling the dark hours of 1982, it looks quite appropriate to revive the spirit which made both countries such close friends in the past and which inspired a strong current of mutual sympathy. To this Argentina is firmly committed.

Yours sincerely, ROGELIO PFIRTER, Embassy of the Argentine Republic, 65 Brook Street, WI.

### Justice for all

From Mr Huw Elwyn Jones Sir, Mr Justice Parker writes (article,

Law, December 10): The civil justice system must be acce to every citizen who has need of it. He correctly concludes:

The emphasis these days is, as it should be, on offering the public an efficient service for the resolution of civil disputes of all kinds — and one that is available locally.

Undoubtedly, this is true of the "Rolls-Royce" service on offer to the commercial litigants in the big cities. At the other end of the scale, justice to the ordinary litigant, particularly in rural areas, has become increasingly less accessible as a result of the ruthless drive towards administrative effi-

A quarter of a century ago regular county court sittings were held in nine towns in north-west Wales: Holyhead, Llangelni, Menai Bridge, Ban-gor, Llandudno, Caernarlon, Porthmadog, Pwilheli and Dolgellau. Today there are only two: Llangeini and Caernarfon.

There are no county court sittings in the 50 miles between Caernarion and Aberystwyth. This is hardly "access to

123 High Street. Bangor, Gwynedd.

Yours faithfully.

HUW ELWYN JONES.

Wirral waits

From Mr Richard Penney

Sir, Sharing the sentiments expressed in your third leader today on the lack of representation for the voters of Wirral South, I offer a suggestion for discouraging the cynical, undemocratic unwillingness of political party managers to issue by-election writs if they fear the loss of the seat.

I propose legislation stating that when a parliamentary seat becomes vacant because of the death or resignation of the MP, a writ for the byelection must be issued within, say, four weeks.

Failure to do so would mean the seat is automatically filled for the rest of the life of that parliament by the runner-up candidate at the previous If the runner-up is unavailable the

seat then goes to the candidate who polled the third most votes, and so With miscalculation by the whips

and a little luck, Screaming Lord Sutch might yet liven up Westminster Yours faithfully, RICHARD PENNEY,

Barrington Cottage,

December II.

Longborough, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

### Weather check

From Mr A. R. Marks

Sir, As one of a growing number of the Met Office's commercial customers I would welcome independent verification of the forecasts provided (report, December 9). We have never been given a precise assessment for the accur-acy of forecasts given to us under our contract — they claim in excess of 80 per cent; we calculate 61.7.

While it is true that the National Audit Office monitors Met Office performance, this does not extend to the accuracy of its forecasts. The NAO report of August 1995 said:

of the Met Office's performance and there is scope for greater objectivity in the verif cation of some forecasts.

Incidentally, the same report acknowledged the Treasury's calculation that the financial benefit to the country provided by the Met Office's services was three times its cost to the taxpayer. One well-founded estimate put this figure at 20 times the cost, ie, benefits approaching £1.5 billion.

Yours faithfully, A. R. MARKS (Partner), Skyscan (aerial photography), Oak House, Toddington, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. December II.

### Lincoln Cathedral

From the Reverend Malcolm A. Johnson

Sir, Much sympathy must be lelt for the Bishop of Lincoln, who has decid-ed not to preach in his cathedral at Christmas (report, December 17). Would it not be possible for him temporarily to move his chair, his cathedna, to another large church in the city or county so that his people who love and respect him so much could be with him and he could be with them?

Yours sincerely. MALCOLM JOHNSON (Master), The Royal Foundation of Saint Katherine. 2 Butcher Row, El4. December 17.

Swan Lake overflowing

From Miss Jane Pritchard Sir, Tchaikovsky may be rejoicing that Matthew Bourne's unorthodox

"alternative" Swan Lake has just passed the 100-performance mark tarticle, Arts. December 10), but it still has some way to go before it can claim to be the longest run of a single ballet ever to play the West End. Opening on 22 May, 1885, Luigi Manzotti's three-act Excelsior ran for

169 performances at Her Majesty's

Theatre, with such principal dancers

as Adelina Rossi. Giovanna Limido. Kate Vaughan and Enrico Cecchetti. Yours faithfully, JANE PRITCHARD (Archivist). Rambert Dance Company, 94 Chiswick High Road, W4.

The polly and the ivv

From Mr Brian Drewitt

December II.

Sir, While visiting a pet shop in Macclesfield yesterday. I was exhorted by a display card to "Treat yourself to a parrot this Christmas". In the light of your report about fro-

zen turkeys today, this might be an offer worth taking. Yours faithfully,

BRIAN DREWITT. Lawrence Buildings, 2 Mount Street, Manchester.



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 17: The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Cecil Tanner (Deputy Lieutenant of Bedfordshire) was present at Luton International Airport this afternoon upon the Arrival of The President of the State of Eritrea and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her

The Lady Elton has succeeded the Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 17: The Duke of York today undertook a series of engagements as Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) at Stonecutters Island, Hong

His Royal Highness this morning took the Salute at the Ferozeshah Parade. The Duke of York this afternoon visited Battalion lo-

cations at High Island. His Royal Highness this evening attended the Ferozeshah Dinner given by the Battalion.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 17: The Princess

### The Story of Christmas 1966

The Speaker was the principal guest at the 19th presentation of The Story of Christmas at St George's, Hanover Square, yesterday, in aid of the Drugs in Schools Helpline and the Wessex Children's Hospice Trust The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westmin-

ster attended. Dame Judi Dench, President of The Story of Christmas Appeal, Mr Robert Spooner, chairman, and Lady (Timothy) Walker, administrator, received the guests. Among others present were:

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Viscouni and Viscouniess Chelsea.
the Bishop of London and Mrs.
Charres, Lord Sterling of Plaisow,
Sir Maurice and Lady O'Connell, Sir
Brisn and Lady Goswell, Sir William
and Lady Shapland, Sir Timothy
Walker, OC. Mgr George Stack,
Prebendary William Maynard
Aikins, the Rev Dr Philip Whitmore.
Major and Mrs Michael Henderson.
Miss Kaie Beckinsele, Mass Jernniler
Ehle. Mr and Mrs Jan Hislop, Mrs
John Sessions and Mr Timothy
West.

Royal, Patron, College of Occupational Therapists, this afternoon opened the new Occupational Therapy source Centre at the Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5.

Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Wales this afternoon received the Archbishop of Canterbury. His Royal Highness, President, the Bach Choir, this evening attended a recital at St

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE December 17: The Duke of Kent this evening attended the Bach Choir Carol Concert, in the State Apartments, St James's Palace, London SWi. THATCHED HOUSE

LODGE, RICHMOND PARK

# Royal engagement

### Retirement

Judge Iain Black, QC, retired on December 16 from the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

**CLARENCE HOUSE** December 17: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen ST JAMES'S PALACE

December 17: The Prince of James's Palace.

December 17: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended the Joy to the World Christmas Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall, London

Princess Margaret, as President of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help, will attend the society's annual service of thanksgiving and carols at St Michael's, Chester Square, at 3,25.

### Dinner

Turners' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs were the guests of honour at a dinner given by the Master and Wardens of the Turners' Company last night at Apothecaries' Hall. Mr J.N. Ciclitira, Master, presided and presented the Lord Mayor with a silver embellished turned burr-walnut bowl. A guard of honour was found by the winning team from 78 Engineer Regi-ment Workshop REME (V) who received the Turners' Shield from the Master.

Among Others present were:
The Prine Warden of the Fishmonger'
Company, the Masters of the
Innholders, Bowyers, and Master
Mariners' Companies, the Master of
the Society of Apothecartes of London,
the Master Culter in Hallansblure, the
Resident Governor, HM Tower of
London and Major-General Philip
Corp, Director-General Equipment
Support (Arary). Brockmoor: to be also Rural Dean of Himley (Worcester).



Cooper, a 53-year-old building manager who turned his hobby of wood carving into a successful business after he was made redundant two years ago. He now works from the Custard Factory arts complex in Birmingham

### Luncheons

HM Government The Hon Nicholas Soames, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House for the First Deputy Minister for National Defence of Poland. American Chamber of

Commerce (UK) Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) presided at a Christmas luncheon held yesterday at the Inter-Continental Hotel.

### Church news

Appointments
The Rev Robert Pestell, Assistant
Curate, St Katharine's, Matson: to be Priest-in-charge, Charfield

The Rev Eric Pollard, formerly Curate, St Swithun, East Grinstead: now Assistant Curate. All Saints, Hove (Chichester). The Rev Jeanette Power, Assistan Curate (NSM), St Nicholas. Wickham: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), St Cuthbert, Copner (Portsmouth).
The Rev Nick Ralph, Assistant

Curate, St Cuthbert, Copnor: to be Vicar, new plurality of Eastoke, St Andrew w North Hayling, St Peter The Rev Michael Stone: now istant Curate, Chichester Team Ministry (Chichester). The Rev Fred Trethewey, Vicar,

### Romans come out of the woodwork

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

THE oldest Roman structure yet found in London has been discovered close to London Bridge. Dated by tree rings to AD 52, only nine years after the Roman conquest, it marks the beginning of the City waterfront as a place of trade.

The discovery was made during redevelopment of the Regis House site, just upstream from the bridge and Banking the main Roman road south from the Forum across the Thames. A revetment was built on the foreshore with timber piles and planks, straightening out the irregular bunk and providing a solid foundation for development beside the bridge.

"Several timbers have been dated by dendrochronological analysis to AD S2, which means that this is the earliest securely-dated structure in London, "Trevor Brigham and his coileagues report in London Archaeologist. The west end of the revenment contains reused timbers, including two pointed palisade or fence posts, which should take the earliest activity several years closer to the

A slightly later quay built on the same site has been dated to AD 63 its tree rings: the trees were felled in the winter or spring. "It is now clear that reconstruction of London after the Boadicean destruction of AD 60 began almost immediately." the excavators say. The revolt of Boadicea took place after she and her family were 8 No. 2: 31-38.

humiliated by the Romans: her leeni army swept south from Norfolk and burnt both Camulodunum (Colchester) and London before their defeat. The new quay was solidly built of squared oak baulks, carefully linked by nosch-and-eron joints: sor M.J. Harrison, Vice-Chan-cellor, Wolverhampton University, 55; Miss Rosemary Leach, actress, 61; Sir Geoffrey Lofthouse, Mp. 71; Lord Merlyn-Rees, 76; Mr J.C.S. Mott, civil engineer, 70; Mr Albert Pacey, director-general, National Criminal Intelligence Service, 58; Miss Annette Page, ballerina, 64; Dr Joyce Reynolds, FBA, Roman historian, 78; Mr Keith Richard, Rolling Stoner's guitarist, 53; Lord squared oak baulks, carenuty linked by notch-and-tenon joints; some of the timbers still had felling

cuts and lifting notches visible. The material used to fill in the quay behind this timber frontage has excited the archaeologists, who describe it as "a large potential resource of artefacts from the first 15 years of Roman settlement". Among the finds have been coins, a rection of Roman armous and a section of Roman armour, and a leather bag containing seeds of

A large fragment of limestone from near Oxford, far up the Thames, may be part of a column from a monumental building of the early Roman period, perhaps one destroyed by Boadicea's troops. Part of a massive masonry building was found on the west vall was exposed.

A set of warehouses was built during Nero's reign on the quay-side, each bay being around 33 by 14 feet. They were later demoiperhaps because the ground was unstable. The mud-brick walls, a rare survival, stand nearly 3ft high in places.

Source: London Archaeologist Vol.

# Mt N.K. Bereis and Miss A.J. May

**Forthcoming** 

The engagement is announced between Nikolaos, elder son of Mr. and Mrs C.N. Beneris, of Athens, and Amanda, elder daughter of

GAVIN FOGS

Mr and Mrs Peter J. May, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. Mr S.A. Brew The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Godfrey Brew, of Bur-bage, Wiltshire, and Clare, youn-ger daughter of Mr John Reader, of Hernel Hempstead, Hertford-shire, and Mrs Della Reader, of St Albans, Hertfordshire. Mr R.M. Broad and Miss A.C.B. Waddell

The engagement is announced between Rupert, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Broad, of Malvern Wells, Worcestershire, and Alexa, daughter of Colonel and Mys David Waddell, of Chelses, London.

Captain H.M.A. Cummiss and Miss V.E.M. Craster the engagement is announced between Captain Henry Cum-mins, The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), elder son of Mr Michael Cum-

mins, of Westminster, and of Mrs Mary Cummins, of Nunney, Somerset, and Victoria, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs Michael Craster, of Craster, Northern borland. Mr G.R.A. Comming and Miss D.L. Sussiers

The engagement is announced between George, younger son of Mr Michael Cummins, of West-minster, and of Mrs Mary Cummins, of Numey, Somerset, and Loe, eldest daughter of Mr J.O. Sanders, of Covington, Louisians, and of Dr and Mrs Jimmy Mains, of New Orleans.

Mr.A. Hodron and Miss J. Rutland-Barsby The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr. Christopher Hodson, recently of Twickenham, now at Tysoe and the late Suzanne Hodson, and Juliene, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. Paul. Rutland-Barsby. of Merchophysis.

Mr P.M. Ridge and Miss J. Clowes The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ridge, of Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, and Joanna, daughter of Mr Tony Clowes, of Over Alderley, Cheshire, and Mrs David Quayle, of Winchester, Hampshire.

MI AME ROW and Miss C.J.L. Brown

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The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Colonel Nigel Robinson, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs Patricia Robinson, of Offichurch, Warwickshire, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mrs and Mrs Dead Report of Techniques and Mrs David Brown, of Tetbury.

seph Grimaidi, clown, London, 1779; Paul Klee, painter, Berne, 1879; Betty Grable, actress, St Louis, Missouri, 1916; Prince Wil-DEATHS: Antonio Stradivari, violin maker. Cremona, Italy, 1737; Sir John Alcock, aviator. killed in an air crash, Conévvard, France, mostly to relatives. 1919; Robert Tyre (Bobby) Jones, Nether Cerne, Dorchester, Dorser,

marriages Mr B.W. Dreyer and Miss C.E. Milton Lakofski The engagement is announced hetween Ben, son of Captain and Mrs Jeremy Dreyer, of Droxford, Hampshire, and Cathy, daughter of Mr Richard Lakofski, of Hatley St George, Bedfordshire, and Miss Cesa Milton, of Highgate, London.

Mr M.O. Gray
and Miss C.R. Dafter
The engagement is announced
between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Paul Gray, of Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Dafter, of Pimlico, London.

Mr C.J. Hutchine and Miss A.M.S. Cookson and Miss A.M.S. Cookson
The engagement is announced between Christopher, second son of Mr Michael and Dr Ann Hutchinson, of Weishpool, Powys, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Gregory Cookson, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.

Mr R.C. Miles The engagement is announced between Ben, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Miles, of Bath, and Emily, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gary Raymond, of St Peter's Square,

London Mr M. SITTE The engagement is announced between Martin, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Dudley Stribbling, of Stamford, Lincolnshire, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alban Davies, of Liphook, Hampshire. The Rev Dr J.T. Thomas and Dr R.M. Rees

The engagement is announced between John Thomas, of South Cerney, Gloucestershire, and Ruth Rees, of St Ebbe's. Oxford.

### Marriages

Mr C Staw
and Lady Mary Gaye Curzon
The marriage mok place quietly in
Winchester yesterday between Mr
Christopher Shaw and Lady Mary
Gaye Curzon. There will be a
reception at Hinton Ampner on
Monday, December 23.

Mr M.R.C. Swallow and Miss S.L.J. Thomson The marriage took place on Sat-urday, December 14, at the Temple Church, between Mr Mark Swallow, son of Mr and Mrs Charles swallow, and Miss Sarah Thom-son, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenam Colonel Derek Thom-son, OBE, and of Mrs Derek Inman and stepdaughter of Judge Derek Inman. Canon Robinsof. Master of the Temple, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her stepfather and attended by Tilly Cooper, Redmond and Alice Stevens. Mr David Prout was best

The reception was held in the Middle Temple Hall.

### Latest wills

Rushbrooke, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, left estate valued at Thomas Richard Horsington, of

left estate valued at £1,501,745 net. E(,106,859 test.

Percy Charles Gray, of Cambridge, left estate valued at EL275,403 net. He left 1300 to Church of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge.

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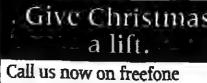
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### **OBITUARIES**

### **QUENTIN BELL**

Quentin Bell, artist and author, died on December 16 aged 86. He was born on August 19,

he second son of Clive and Vanessa Bell, Quentin Bell was born into the heart of the Bloomsbury Group. In the year of his birth Roger Fry, his mother's intimate friend, waschampioning the first Post-Impressionist exhibition. Raised among painters, critics and writers — his mother was the sister of Virginia Woolf — Bell assumed from an early age that he, too, would be an artist.

Quentin Claudian Stephen Bell was brought up in Gordon Square in Bloomsbury and in Sussex. In 1916 Vanessa Bell took a lease on Charleston Farmhouse, near Firle. At first it was used for family holidays but later it became a perma-

At Charleston she established a stable, if unorthodox, household, shared with fellowpainter Duncan Grant (the father of Bell's sister Angelica) and, at different times, other members of the Bloomsbury Group and Grant's homosexual lovers. With his elder brother, Bell as a child produced a family newspaper, the Charleston Bulletin, which charted domestic events; Virginia Woolf contributed.

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He was educated at Peterborough Lodge, a preparatory school at Swiss Cottage, to which he went as a day boy from 46 Gordon Square, and at the Quakers' Leighton Park, after which he studied painting in Paris and Rome.

By the early 1930s he was an active Labour supporter and an equally active disrupter of Fascist rallies, in which he was aided by his considerable height and bulk. His aunt Virginia described him as a young man as being "very burly and male", and like a red and white sheep dog. She thought he had "all Nessa's sense, and Clive's shrewdness". His eyes were very blue, and his red-gold hair, according to an elderly Duckworth relation, like "a bed of Zinnias" (In his old age, less burly and with a full white beard, he looked like a clever, kindly

Father Christmas.) In 1933 Bell suffered from a changing tastes and fluctuat-tubercular infection which ne-cessitated a convalescence in in 1951 he published These in 1933 Bell suffered from a Switzerland. On his return he studied pottery with T.A." Fennemore at Stoke-on-Trent and had a kiln built in the

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pumphouse at Charleston. Politically, he shared Fennemore's support for industrial art - Vannessa, Duncan and even the young Angelica contributed to Fermemore's series of artist-designed tablewares for Foley China - but he returned ultimately to the Bell-Grant celebration of the handmade. He threw shapes for decoration by his mother and Duncan, and, in later years could not always distinguish between their hands and his

Bell then divided his considerable energies between painting, potting and politics. In 1930 he had exhibited in a mixed show at the Mansard Gallery on the top floor of Heal's in Tottenham Court Road, and had an exhibition of collages in Cork Street in 1935.

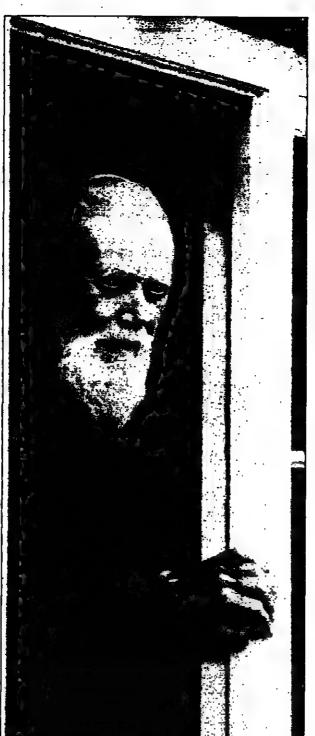
He designed posters appeal-ing for medical aid for Spain during the Civil War, and with his mother visited Picasso in his Paris studio - where they saw the as yet unfinished masterpiece Guernica - to invite him to London to appeal for aid for the children of Bilbao. Bell's elder brother Julian was killed in Spain working for the ambulance service on the Republican side.

Bell, unlike many of the members of Old Bloomsbury, was not a conscientious objector. He was rejected by the Army on account of his history of tuberculosis. During the Second World War he worked as a farm labourer for Maynard Keynes at Tilton. From. 1941 to 1943 he was a member of the Political Warfare Executive.

The life-sized effigy of Hitler burnt on Firle Beacon at the end of the war was his handiwork. Also during the war he collaborated with Vanessa Bell, Duncan Grant and his sister Angelica on the decoration of Berwick church, two miles from Charleston. His contributions were the sixsmall panels representing the sacraments on the inside of the chancel screen, and The Wise and Foolish Virgins over the chancel arch; later, he did some murals and the

In 1947 Bell published his first book, On Human Finery. about fashion in dress - a subject that was to be extended into a lifelong consideration of

Impossible English Helmut Gernsheim), and married Anne Olivier Popham. The following year he



became a lecturer in Art Education at King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, where Lawrence Gowing was then Professor of Fine Art.

In spite of having had no academic training himself, Bell moved on to university posts of increasing illustriousness. He was Professor of Fine Art at the University of Leeds, 1962-67; Slade Professor of Fine Art at Oxford, 1964-65; and Ferens Professor of Fine

Art at the University of Hull, 1965-66. In 1967 he moved back to his home territory as Professor of the History and Theory of Art at Sussex University, a post he held for ten years, living with his family at Cobbe Place, Beddingham. When Cobbe Place finally

Bells moved to their last home, in Firle village. The last major show of his own work was in 1986. He

became impracticable, the

never stopped painting, potting and writing. He published Roger Montané in 1961; The Schools of Design and Ruskin, both in 1963; Victorian Artists (1967); Bloomsbury (1968): A New and Noble School (1982); Techniques of Terracotta (1983).

His novel The Brandon Papers typified his humour and versatility, It starts with an inquiry into the death of a titled lady and develops into a full-blooded Gothic melodrama.

Just before the Second World War, during an evening of amateur dramatics at Charlesson, the young Ouentin Bell dressed up in a frock, fur coat and lipstick, to act the part of a guide showing a party of American and French ladies round the house in the year 2036. The cult of Charleston did not take so long to establish itself as that. The Charles-ton Trust, of which he was the first chairman, opened the house to the public in 1986.

Living all his life under the shadow of Bloomsbury, Bell was the curator, and to some extent the creator, of its growing legend. At Leonard Woolf's request he undertook the biography of Virginia Woolf — no easy task for a nephew — which, published in two volumes in 1972, won both the James Tait Black prize and the Duff Cooper memorial prize. His wife Olivier is the editor of Virginia Woolf's diaries. They have documented Bloomsbury with scrupulous care and respect.

Although always courteous, he was rightly impatient of worshippers at the Bloomsbury shrine who came "to ask what Virginia had for breakfast". But he was welcoming and generous to those who shared his irreverent enthusi-

For Bell, as for Roger Fry. the purpose of art was to communicate joy. He enjoyed throwing and experimenting with the clay and with the decorative possibilities of robust but humble shapes such as mugs or tea-pots, and rather despised the lack of frivolity in the "prim and proper" pots made by Bernard Leach's followers.

He believed that a certain carelessness betrayed the vitality of the maker and saw nothing wrong with the vul-garity of adding a slap of gold to enliven the pot. Despite the sophistication of his writings and teaching, pottery remained for him "rather a lark" and he rather liked it.

During the 1980s, Bell received technical assistance from the Fulham Pottery, making both domestic wares. exhibited at Liberty's and other London galleries, and larger commissions such as a fountain for a Sussex garden. The Fulham Pottery also made hand-painted ceramics for Laura Ashley's "Bloomsbury" range to his designs.

He expressed his more pri-

vate thoughts in the medium of sculpture: those who had seen the huge levitating lady who defied gravity in the garden at Cobbe Place another cast graces the cam-pus at Leeds University — or the romantic and sexual fantasies expressed in his painted terracotta groups and figures, were hardly surprised at the dark undertones of that late novel, The Brandon Papers.

For a long time it seemed as if the world would be deprived of his own memoirs, but in 1995 he filled that gap with his volume of reminsioence, Elders and Betters. His penultimate book *Bad Art* (1989) — a collection of his lectures, essays and articles - also contained a lively autobiographical chapter. In his earlier years he wrote a good deal for the New Statesman in Kingsley Martin's day and for The Listener during the cele-brated reign of J. R. Ackerley as its literary editor.

Quentin Bell is survived by his wife Olivier, whom he married in 1952, their two daughters and a son.

### **RUBY MURRAY**

Ruby Murray, Irish singer, died from bronchial pneumonia and liver cancer yesterday aged 61. She was born on March 29, 1935.

IN THE ephemeral world of popular music, Ruby Murray was a phenomenon who earned her place in the Guinness Book of Theatrical Records. A singer whose simplistic style disguised skilful phrasing and far greater vocal resources than her appealing huskiness suggested, she achieved massive popularity at the start of her meteoric career, when five of her recordings were simultaneously in the Top Twenty for three months at the beginning of

One of them, the haunting Softly Softly, went to No I and became her indelible signature tune for the rest of her life, Her feat remains a world record, equalled since by Elvis Presley and Madonna, but unsurpassed by even the

Ruby Florence Campbell Murray was born at 84 Moltick Street, Donegal Road, Belfast, the youngest of four children. She gave her first public performances as a child in amateur concerts presented by her father at the Ulster Hall. One of these was seen by the British television producer, Richard Afton, who booked her for her professional debut, aged 12, on Irish television.

After leaving school at 14, she worked in a bakery, a handkerchief factory and a sweet shop before touring Northern Ireland in the variety show, Top Flight Stars. At 14, she appeared at the Glasgow Pavillion in the summer season revue, Mrs Mulligan's Hotel, returning home to tour Northern Ireland again in a hired lorry in Holiday

At 16 she was chosen as the singer for a revue touring the Republic of Ireland, Yankee Doodle Blarney. In June 1954, the tour ended in London at the old Metropolitan Music Hall, in Edgware Road. Richard Afton, looking for a singer to replace Joan Regan in his BBC television series, Quite

Contrary, offered her the job at £100 a week, six times what she was earning at the time.

The British record producer Ray Martin saw Murray's first television show and at once signed her for a recording contract on the Columbia UK label. Her first release, Get Well Soon, was not a big seller, but her second, Heartbeat, went straight to No 2 in the charts. It was followed by Softly, Softly, which went to No I. A wistful love ballad sung with her inimitable Irish

lilt and that husky catch in her voice, it personified the vulnerability and innocence that made her unique among the popular singers of the 1950s.

Three more hits joined the first two in the Top Twenty: Happy Days and Lonely Nights, which went to No 4, If Anyone Finds This I Love You to No 5, and Evermore to No 6. Signed up by Bernard Delfont's agency, she started to pack theatres all over Britain, and in August 1955 opened at the London Palladium in Painting the Town. which co-starred Norman

During the seven months run she appeared before the Queen in the Royal Variety Performance. Later, on her arrival in the United States, she was astonished to find herself mobbed by hysterical crowds and to be told by Frank Sinatra that he was her greatest fan.

In 1956 she sang You Are My First Love in the John Mills film, It's Great to be Young, and then co-starred with Frankie Howerd and Dennis Price in the screen comedy, A Touch of the Sun, in which she gave a refreshing and totally natural performance as a singing hotel

chambermaid. She proved that she could dance as well as she sang when she appeared on television with Tommy Steele in The Golden Year. She also starred in pantomime, playing the title role in Cinderella and principal girl in Babes in the Wood, Dick Whittington and Puss in Boots.

In August 1957, while ap-pearing with Tommy Cooper in Blackpool, she married Bernard Burgess of The Jones Boys harmony group. They were to have two children and were to co-star in a nationwide tour of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in 1962. But the marriage came under increasing strain because of Murray's dependence on alcohol and valium, and Burgess was wounded to learn of his wife's infatuation with a married man, the Irish comedian Frank Carson, an episode bleakly reflected in her dramatic recording, I'll Walk the Rest of the Way. By 1970, when Murray, then

35, re-entered the British charts with Change your Mind, there was no disguising the extent of her drinking. When she and Burgess were divorced in 1977, he won custody of their children and also retained Rectory Cottage, their 17th-century home at Wootton in Northamptonshire. The last 20 years of her life were spent with the former stage dancer and theatrical impresario, Ray Lamar, with whom she lived in Torquay.

They were married in 1993. Although her later appearances were often undermined by health problems, she never gave up her fight to conquer her illness. In 1985 she received a prolonged ovation when she appeared before the Princess Royal in Forty Years of Peace.

Both her husbands were at her hospital bedside, with her son — the singer Tim Murray and her daughter Julie, when she died.

### **BRIAN TETLEY**

Brian Tetley, journalist, died on November 23 aged 62. He was born on July 12, 1934.

BRIAN TETLEY died with his longtime friend and colleague, the award-winning cameraman Mohamed Amin, on the hliacked Ethiopian Airlines flight that crashed off the Comoros Islands last month. inevitably, his death has tended to be overshadowed by that of the better-known Amin, but Tetley was, in fact, one of Africa's most colourful and eccentric characters.

He was mourned in his beloved Kenya as a hero, lêted by many in Government, the Civil Service and journalism, all of whom acknowledged their personal and professional debt to one they regarded as "the best man in Africa".

Brian Harrison Tetley was born in Birmingham. His mother died when he was ten and his father sent him and his older brother, Peter, to the Stanley House School in Birmingham. The younger brother remembered it as a "draughty, miserable, God-forsaken place from which I couldn't wait to get out".

His parents had moved from Manchester to Solihull in 1931 — and then into Birmingham to expand their engineering business — but Tetley displayed no inclination to go into the family firm. Instead, at the age of 15, he left school to join the Birmingham Gazette and Despatch as a copy boy. It was the beginning of what was to become a lifelong obsession with a profession he was to decorate with a wit and a generosity of spirit seldom equalled.

Apart from his National Service, which he recalled as "undistinguished", Tetley worked in newspapers, magazines and television on two continents and will be remembered as an impetuous, compulsive journalist of the hardliving, hard-drinking school.

Asked by one newspaper editor if he had a drinking problem, Tetley replied: "Yes, just can't get enough of it." Almost every barman, taxi driver and street vendor in East Africa knew the dishevelled Tetley as Mambo. "Mambo Gichuki" was the Kikuyu pen name he used to sign off his "Mambo", "Dear God" and "Off the Wall" columns that enchanted gen-

erations of African readers. His colleagues knew him as a consummate ideas man who had graduated from a tabloid background - in Britain, he was reputedly a co-creator of Reginald Smythe's Andy Capp cartoon character in the Daily Mirror - to become a witty and prolific writer.

He first came to Africa in

1965 to help train Kenyan journalists but stayed the rest of his life in a country he came to love as his own. He held court at all hours, enrapturing his students, in the aptiv named Sans Chique bar behind The Daily Nation. Tetley was the first reporter

fearlessly to expose the mass killings of Idi Amin's regime after Amin seized power in Uganda in 1971. He wrote eyewitness accounts for The Observer of coroses thrown to the crocodiles at Jinja. No one believed him at first. Idi Amin had been seen by many in Britain as a great improvement in every way on the despotic socialist Milton Obote.

After editing publications as diverse as Nairobi's Sunday Post and the comparatively muted Kenyan version of Men Only magazine, Tetley went on to write classic African travel books, including the Journey Through... series, On God's Mountain and Cradie of Mankind. In these his eloquent prose was matched by Mohamed Amin's breathtaking photographs.

Some 600 mourners of every age, religion and colour attended his funeral in Nairobl last week - from the old white settlers and friends to clothswathed Somalis and ordinary street people. He was buried with two bottles of his favourite Tusker lager inside his coffin. Tetley would have enjoyed that, as he would the presence of three ex-wives alongside his widow. He was married twice in Britain where he is survived by three adult daughters - and at least five times to Africans, by whom he had no children.

DEATH OF MRS. GARRETT ANDERSON. THE FIRST ENGLISH WOMAN

DOCTOR. We regret to announce that Mrs. Elizabeth

Garrett Anderson, M.D. died at Alde House, Aldeburgh. Suffolk, yesterday. She was Si vears old. Mrs. Garrett Anderson was one of the

pioneers at that phase of the movement for the emancipation" of women which aimed at throwing open to them the profession of medicine and was herself the first woman to secure a medical diploma in this cruntry . . . Elizabeth Garrett, known after her mar-

riage as Mrs. Garrett Anderson, was the daughter of Mr. Newson Garrett. of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and was born in London in 1836. Her attention was attracted to medicine by Miss Elizabeth Blackwell, an English woman who had emigrated with her parents to the United States and after many fruitless attempts to enter various medical schools there, was permitted to graduate M.D. of the University of Geneva, U.S.A. in 1849. Ten years afterwards, on the strength of this foreign qualification and of her having prescribed for friends during a visit to England, she was put on the British Medical ON THIS DAY December 18, 1917

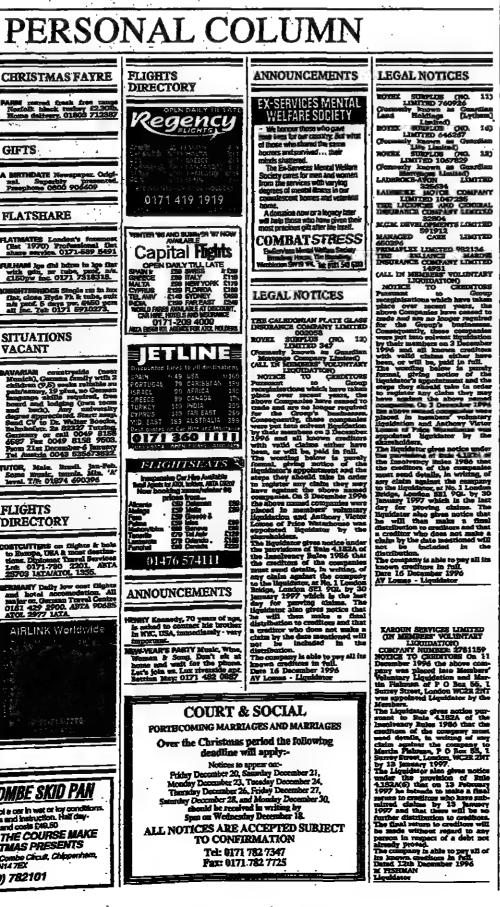
Elizabeth Garrett Anderson (1836-1917) had to fight long and hard to achieve her ambition to secure an English medical diploma and become a doctor.

Register: so that, while as already stated, Miss Garrett was the first woman to secure an English diploma, Miss Blackwell had precadency of her as regards registration. Miss Garrett made Miss Blackwell's acquaintance and resolved to follow in her friend's footsteps but to get an English qualification instead of a foreign one. She began her medical studies in earnest in 1860. There were, however, two great difficulties before her. In the first place. there was no school where she could be received, and in the next place, there was no examining body willing to admit her to its examinations. At Middlesex Hospital the

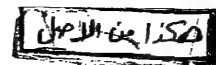
male students presented a memorial against the admission of women, and though she made repeated attempts elsewhere, she met for some years with effectual repulse in every

direction ... After a time the Society of Apothecaries was advised by its counsel that as the purpose of its charter was to enable it to sell drugs, and as there was no legal ground for refusing to allow a woman to sell drugs, the society could not refuse to admit a woman to the examination imposed on candidates for its licence. Thereupon the society authorized Miss Garrett to get her education privately from teachers of recognised medical schools and finally gave her, in 1865, the desired qualification of L.S.A. In 1866 she opened a dispensary near Lisson-grove, Marylebone, for the benefit of poor women and children, and for some years she was the only medical officer there ... There was no medical school in England that would admit women but medical degrees were to be had abroad: Miss Garrett herself passed the examinations and took the M.D. of Paris in 1870 and, others taking similar steps, she secured assistants at her dispensary which was subsequently converted into a small hospital and after various changes developed into the "New Hospital for Women" in the Euston-Road.

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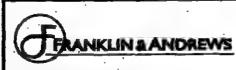
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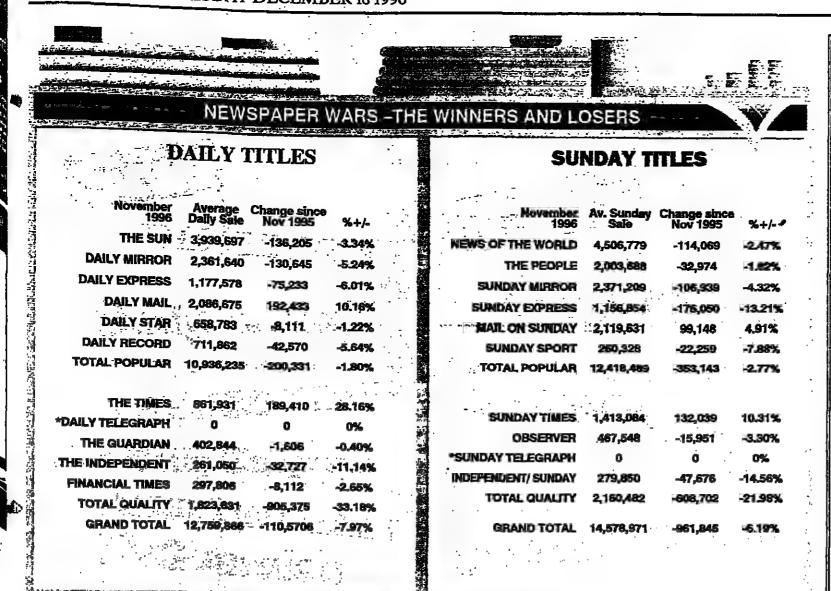




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newspaper sales. Both groups agree that sales of The Daily Telegraph last month were 1.1 million, its highest sale for six years. They agree that sales of The Times, boosted by the success of its Eurostar promotion; hit a new record of 861,931, up 500,000 since the price was reduced three years ago, and selling more last month than the sales of The Guardian and The Independent combined.

They disagree strongly, however, over what sort of sales are being registered in the all-important "full price" category used by advertisers to determine where best to buy their advertising space.

The Times registers its cover price as 10p on Monday, 35p from Tuesday to Friday, and 50p on Saturday. That shows sales at the full price of 802,000, with an additional 19,500 declared at a lesser rate and 39,800 as "buik" sales, mostly papers offered free to customers at Trust House

Managers at The Times

100,000 extra Telegraph

clared as sales at the full price. When The Times matched The Telegraph's subscription offers, it described new subscriptions to the ABC as sales at a lesser rate. That should also apply at The Telegraph, they say. It was when the ABC decided to accept the view of The Times last Friday that The Telegraph decided to issue its writ.

For The Times, the argument is more than mere semantics. If the disputed are stripped of copies sold at less than the full price, its sale drops below a million — an important psychological barrier — to just over 900,000, against 802,000 for The Times. the narrowest margin between

the two papers for decades. Mr Deedes says it is "pretty rich" of The Times, selling at 10p on Mondays, to "bleat" to the ABC about any competitor's discount. Yet advertisers know the price at which The Times is being bought; they do not know how many copies of The Daily Telegraph are being sold at unprecedentedly

The ABC, on which newspaper groups and advertisers are represented, accepts that lOp is the price of The Times on Mondays — and Rupert Murdoch, the chairman of News Corporation, parent company of News International, confirmed to the Financial Times this week that the price-

PAPER ROUND Brian MacArthur

cutting strategy of The Times will continue "forever". After Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, disclosed last week that the paper had been breaking even in recent weeks for the first time in living memory, Mr Deedes responded by promising to write a personal cheque to charity for £1,000 if Mr Murdoch showed audited accounts proving that The Times was in the black. Yesterday Mr Murdoch con-

> the past five weeks. here is more to this newspaper war than a simple conflict between The Times and the Telegraph group. What the ABC declares is crucially important to both. At stake are advertising decisions based on ABC data worth millions of pounds - as well as the authority and reputation of the ABC itself. The job of the ABC, a non-profitmaking company launched in 1931 by newspapers, magazines and advertisers, is to provide authenticated

> been breaking even without The Sunday Times in four of

data on sales and to protect advertisers against false claims. Staff inspectors make random inspections of auditors' and publishers' methods. The measurement of newspaper sales is becoming more and more scientific. Newspa-pers are delivered on sale or

any leap forward after its wide by a network of about conversion to a seven-day 100 wholesalers, with WH Smith and

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cent. Their records of sales are

audited and submitted to the

It is a system that has worked for 65 years but which

has been put under increasing

strain as newspapers have

sought ever more ingenious

tions - including scratch cards, rail, ferry and hotel

promotions, special subscrip-

tion offers and offering free

papers at hotels or petrol stations. That is why the ABC recently started splitting sales

data into three categories -

sales at full price, at a lesser

are being waged throughout

Fleet Street. As the year ends, the 1997 winners are the Mail

group against The Express, and the Guardian and Ob-

server against the Indepen-

At more than two million,

sales of the Daily Mail last

month, showing a year-on-year increase of 192,000 (10 per

cent), were at their highest for

29 years - and The Mail on

Sunday, with year-on-year

sales up by 99,000 (5 per cent) also set a November record.

Both papers are now almost a million ahead of The Express,

Equally fierce sales battles

rate and in bulk.

dent titles.

Although under rejuvenated editorship, The Independent is also losing ground. As sales of The Guardian remain above 400,000, The Indepenthe major know how dent's have fallen by 32,000 (1) per cent) in the past year. As The Observer meanwhile registered its highest sale this many go out and most now use bar codes to verify returns. Within 24 hours, newspaper year of 467,000, sales of the managements can assess the Independent on Sunday have previous day's sale within a margin of error of about 2 per slumped by 47,000.

Even without the boost obtained from its Eurostar promotion, sales of The Times would have been running at about 100,000 higher than a year ago. As it was, year-on-year sales were up by 189,000, and up by 78,000 on October. biggest November sale for 16 Beyond the black box waits the television-computer

### Who's afraid of the market giants?

verybody has 20:20 hindsight, so the wry joke goes. And the joke is wrong. Nothing is so murky as the past. What does gleam crystal-clear is the future. The current apocalyptic hysteria about the

black box to sit on the television set and give it digital capability is an example of 20:20 foresight. What is in dispute is the form of control of the smartcard technology that gives access to the hundreds of new digital channels. The dispute is based on two assumptions: that who controls the black box has absolute control over the gateway to the future and that when all these channels become available. British consumers will lap them up.

Neither of these assumptions is certain, Let me try to throw a few shafts of darkness

into the light. The reason why BSkyB dominates the satellite market altogether is because Home Office policy in the early 1980s directed British investors to invest in the wrong kind of satellite. By the time reality intervened and it became clear in the late 1980s that a much more modest kind of satellite, already operating from Luxembourg, would do the job as well, billions had been wasted. A merger between BSB, the holder of the bythen useless licence to broadcast satellite television direct to British homes, and the viable Luxem-

bourg-based operation, Sky Television (partly owned by News International, owner of The Times) was the logical way out.

But BSkyB's subscription sports and movie channels would not have had such a smooth entry into Britain had another government policy worked out. Early in the 1980s, the Department of Trade and Industry saw with blinding clarity that Britain should and would be wired up for cable television by the end of the decade. Pay-TV and a host of electronic informational delights would ride over the cable into the home. Satellite television would make its way as an extra option, mainly in rural areas where cable did not reach.

But, under the then Chancellor Nigel Lawson, the Government got cold feet and withdrew the tax concessions to cable. Lo and behold, British investors then shied away from the enormously heavy investment cable required. Thus the new market for subscription television was left for BSkvB, which had successfully developed its own form of encryption, or smartcard, technology for decoding channels and billing subscribers.

These episodes are part of a long-running tragicomedy of errors of British policy attempts to direct the development of new technology. Entitled "Picking Winners", it includes the tales of the Comet and Concorde aircraft and the electronic telephone exchange. The show has not ended. ers to develop their own version of digital is his female counterbalance.

television, the Department of National Heritage last year came up with rules as fussy and over-detailed as a Madonna dress. Surprise, surprise. Enthusiasm for digital terrestrial has been low, while panic about BSkyB's plans to push ahead with digital satellite has been high.

That is not to say that the DTI's efforts to prevent BSkyB from having monopoly control over access to digital encryption technology have been a waste of time. The draft legislation as it now stands safeguards the rights of the BBC and other competitors to put their own digital channels out through

But the urgency is misplaced. There is no certainty that the public wants to make the investment to get all the extra digital channels. Digital television has got off to a very slow start in Germany. Many people in

Britain, where the majority of the viewing public does not take satellite television, may very well choose to sit back and wait for the next leap forward. For there will be one. The set-top box is not the last door to the future. In time, all the necessary digital bits and pieces will be incorporated inside the television set, which will serve as a computer and give access to the internet as well.

BRENDA MADDOX

Anyway, there exists an alternative point of entry into digital television. Cable television, belatedly coming within reach of most urban homes, will offer its own set-top box. over which it alone will control access.

The competitor that the cable people are keeping their eye on is BT. If rumours are true that BT may try to join with BSkyB to subsidise the distribution of digital set-top boxes, the cable industry will run hotfoot to Oftel. It knows that Don Cruikshank, Oftel's formidable director-general, takes a dim view of market giants. He would not like to see two joining up.

candidate for Media Manipulation of the Year has to go to The L Trial of Kevin Maxwell, the rosy television portrait of Kevin and Pandora Maxwell and their adorable brood last

This long piece of hagiography looked like the BBC's long-prepared attempt to be seen to offer balance to its hostile Inside Story Special: Maxwell — The Downfall.

All the same, "The Maxwells" made

riveting television. One superbly edited moment showed Kevin sitting comfortably on the sofa with his dog, watching television. when his wife, the fierce, blue-eyed Pandora. entered and snapped a furious command to leave the dog alone. Kevin simply put his hand on her shoulder, squeezed it in a "there, there" manner and returned his eyes to the screen.

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ty editor of The Weekly Telegraph, the Telegraph's overseas edition, alleges the company has made inflated circulation claims for the title. in 1993, The Weekly Telegraph issued a media pack to advertisers claiming a circula-tion of 153,116. Mr Gearing counters that the figure never rose above 50,000.

He will make the allegations at an industrial tribunal in the new year, where he will claim that he lost his job after he repeatedly complained about the issue.

Jeremy Deedes, the managing director of the Telegraph, said: This man has had a long running dispute with the Telegraph since he was dismissed as a member of staff."

latest screen appearance, in Samson and Delilah, was panned by the American critical about to do the same for panned by the American critical about to do the same for panned by the American critical about to do the same for panned by the American critical about to do the same for panned by the American critical about to do the same for panned by the American critical about to do the same for panned by the American critical about to do the same for present an about to do the same for present along the present al



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THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Liz Hurley and Hugh Grant critics are not impressed

tended comic creations of film"). Now, her first foray into production seems to have left her in a spin. Extreme Measures, a medical thriller starring Hugh Grant, is the first project from Simian Films, the couple's development company. But the plot appears to have bamboozled the Estèe Lauder model.

"I found the moral intricacies of the script so complex that even now, two years after reading the first draft, I still can't decide where I stand on the ethical issues."

Big in Japan IS the Titanic, the luxury

ics ("Among the greatest unin-Hollywood? A new version of the story by director James Cameron is rumoured to be running well over its \$125 million budget.

Such news should come as no surprise to Lord (Lew) Grade, whose 1980s Raise the Titanic was said to have created huge losses for his company, ITC. "I remarked at the time that it would have been cheaper to lower the Atlantic than to raise the Titanic," Lord Grade said. "But that was just a joke. In fact it was the number one grossing film in Japan."

In on the act HAS the BBC run out of on-

interview with David Bowie, we learn that the playwright and actor Harold Pinter is to make a rare TV appearance in the forthcoming BBCl wartime drama Count Me In: Breaking The Code.

Meanwhile Michael Wearing, head of BBC drama serials, is to appear in the Beeb's new costume drama Nostromo. His character, a mine owner, is axed to death three minutes into the first episode. Nothing symbolic in that, we are sure.

 It looks as if Martyn Lewis. the BBC news anchorman who has long campaigned for more good news on television. is finally to get his chance. For the first time, Lewis is to present all of the Beeb's news bulletins on Christmas Day

History trisson

RESEARCH by MAG, the Museums and Galleries' Magazine, claims that museums are more likely to make your heart leap than

The magazine wired up a fit young man to a heart monitor. His heartrate increased by six while watching The X-Files, by seven when witnessing the shooting of Ian Beale in East-Enders and by ten when viewing Basic Instinct.

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Labour and the Liberal Democrats have refused to cooperate with the Government in all future Commons divisions after accusing it of cheating in Monday's fishing vote.

The spectre of ministers regularly being dragged back to Westminster from overseas visits and sick MPs being wheeled in for crucial votes throughout the final months of the present parliament faced ministers after the opposition parties announced they were ending "pairing" deals ...... Page 1

### Saunders trial 'was unfair'

■ Two hundred fraud prosecutions appeared to be at risk after the European Court of Human Rights ruled that the trial of the former Guinness chief Ernest Saunders was unfair. The court said that evidence Mr Saunders was forced to give during a 

### Jackal questioned

British police questioned the jailed terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal in Paris over the shooting of a former Marks & Spencer chairman and the bombing of a London bank in the early . Page I

### IRA case decision

Michael Howard said that the cases of 14 convicted IRA terrorists would not be reopened following an investigation into explosives contamination at a government laboratory ......... Page 2

### Judge's anger

A senior judge attacked the "paper lust" of legal bureaucrats The judge expressed astonishment that charges had not been brought earlier \_

### Schoolgirl killer

A brooding college misfit who raped and murdered a schoolgirl after stalking her for months was inadvertently exposed by his mother \_ ...Page 3

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An attempt by ITV to boost the flagging ratings of Coronation Street by launching a fourth weekly episode is failing in the face of opposition from BBCI's Antiques Roadshow ...... Page 5

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Toes make an excellent substitute when transplanted on to hands without fingers, a surgeon's study ... Page 6 has found ...

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Popular schools should open annexes in neighbouring schools which have empty places, the Audit Commission said in a report which sparked a row over the Government's claims to have expanded parental choice .... Page 8

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ary are apparently changing sex because of industrial pollution. according to a new study of male fish which shows that 94 per cent have signs of feminisationPage 9

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Aid organisations ordered an emergency evacuation of their staff from Chechnya, after gunmen using silenced weapons murdered six Red Cross ....Page 10

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President Mobutu of Zaire returned to Kinshasa after months of cancer treatment in Europe to confront his toughest political task - how to prevent the breakup of the vast country ..... Page 11 Clinton repayment

The Clintons have been forced to repay £400,000 in questionable Asian donations that were intended to help in settling the costs of .... Page 12

### Juppé defence

Alain Juppe, the French Prime Minister, laid bare his inner turmoil in a book......Page 13

### Two-colour technology for £2

■ The Treasury unveiled Britain's first two-colour coin, a £2 piecen with a design tracing technological development from the Iron Age to the Internet. The reverse of the £2 coin, to go into circulation next November, was designed by an art teacher. The obverse bears the portrait of the Queen by Raphael Maklouf featured on existing coinage



Russian fishermen try their luck on the ice-covered surface of the Moscow river yesterday after a heavy snowfall

BUSINESS

Barings: The Bank of England's handling of the Barings collapse came under fire today from allparty MPs sitting on the Treasury

Economy: Government borrowing totalled £2.6 billion in November. with continuing overruns in public spending being disguised by proceeds from the sale of Ministry of Defence married quarters.Page 23 Sheffield United become the sixth

football club to join the stock market today when they reveal a E21.5 million reverse takeover of Conrad. the leisurewear group best known Markets: FT-SE fell 14.2 to 3979.6. Sterling rose from 93.7 to 94.0 after rises from \$1.6615 to \$1.6718 and

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Rugby union: The entire league programme in Wales on Saturday is in doubt after the referees' society threatened to strike over

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Rave revival: Broadway may not be at its healthiest these days, but the revival of Kander and Ebb's courtroom musical Chicago is one of the highlights of the New York ....Page 35 theatre season ....

esured books: A new study of Michelangelo is among the sumptuous art history books which have arrived in the shops for Christmas., ...Page 36

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At the lowest point in the polls, M. Juppe has chosen to fight his unpopularity, not with his policies but with his personality. He humanises himself by way of his pen in order to popularise his public ac-

doubts and private hurts

Preview: Documenting a year-old strike Modern Times: The Flicker ing Flame (BBC2, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond on a drama plagued with non sequiturs ... Page 43

### Whipped senseless

Coming so soon after the revival of sleaze in the public mind, this merely reinforces the image of an administration that is prepared to put morality aside if it proves inconvenient...

### Admissable evidence

Uncomfortable though it may be to accept, the Strasbourg judges are right and Mr Saunders's rights have been infringed .......... Page 17

### Entre nous

Alain Juppé's passionate cri from a wounded coeur must rank as one of the most bizarre pleas of postwar politics, the living exemplar of the heat-sensitive person who, Harry Truman believed, should best get out of the kitchen ....

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Laurens van der Post did not just idealise the Bushmen: he used them to champion the diversity of human beings and the fragility of their dependence on nature. He lead the movement to understand and, when they wish for it, protect endangered peoples ...... Page 16

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A regulatory framework is as necessary in education as in business. But it is a mistake to believe that it is through regulation that the heights are scaled. The importance of Mr Blair's subversive idea lies in this recognition. It breaks free from the strategy of trying to force schools to raise standards by strangling them with red tape... Page 16 SIMON BARNES

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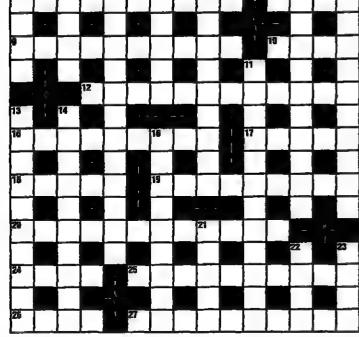
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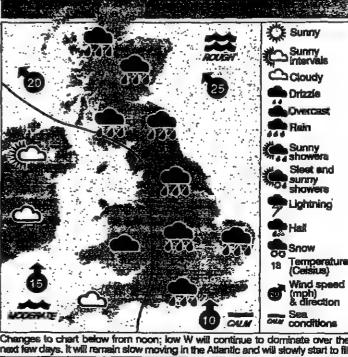
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move could raise auditing

costs without adding value.

Many Section 39 reports costs over £250,000 and one is

believed to have cost £750,000. The Bank also expressed

concern about the cost of the

reports and whether bringing

paying the auditor.

To date there has been only

the same way.

summer of 1995.

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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

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MPs recommend DTI be deprived of financial supervision role

# Bank attacked over Barings

AND GAVIN LUMSDEN

AN ALL-PARTY committee of MPs yesterday attacked the Bank of England over its role in the collapse of Barings in February 1995 and said that, unless it changes the way it operates, banking regulation should be taken away from the

The report of the Treasury Select Committee, which took 13 months to complete but had to be published a day early because of leaks, also attacks the auditors of Barings, the Securities & Futures Authority (SFA) and questions the effectiveness of international coordination when it comes to supervising financial markets. It also recommends that, as soon as possible, all regulation of the financial markets is taken away from the Department of Trade and Industry and given to the Treasury.

But the main attack of the report, which was only signed by three members of the committee, Barry Legge, Nigel Forman and Diane Abbott, is on the Bank. The MPs take the view that the Bank's closeness to the institutions it regulates, and because of its proximity to ket, is an impediment to

The MPs described the Bank as a "cheerleader for the City" and in a final line, which Michael Foot, the Bank's director of banking supervision. the report says that to "bring about the necessary cultural change, banking supervision will have to be taken away from the Bank of England."



Leeson: rogue trader





The Bank was at pains to Bank's statute, which defines say this was not a recommenone of its roles as making sure dation, only a comment. Howthat the financial infrastrucseething about the comments of the MPs, who it feels do not Bank sees this as a role completely at odds with the understand the Bank's special idea that it could be a "cheerrole in the UK financial market, a role that is unique among leading financial regu-lators. Officials pointed to the The MPs attacked the Bank

for its failure to co-ordinate the

regulation of Barings and said there was a question of "too many cooks". It records that gained "limited assistance" from the Bank and suspects that the two regulators were than co-ordination, adding that the evidence of Eddie George, the Governor of the

Though the Bank does not man said: "We have long recognised that there is a need for improved regulatory colapse of Barings, we have been working hard at ways of taking that forward."

Since Nick Leeson, a rogue dealer, caused the collapse of 223-year-old Barings, Hownor of the Bank, has joined the Securites & Investment Board, the lead regulator for financial Large, chairman of the SIB, has joined the Board of Bank-

# ing Supervision. In a speech

an external accountant in to report would lose the closeness and knowledge of the bank that the auditor had.

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The report was critical of the role of Coopers & Lybrand, the auditors of Barings. A key recommendation of the MPs is that reports under Section 39 of the Banking Act, which are conducted at the request of the Bank when it has concerns about a financial institution which it regulates, should be done by a seperate firm of accountants than the auditors.

This would avoid any real or HORTH SEA OIL apparent conflict of interest." said the report. This was not accepted by the Bank, those it regulates or the accountants. Coopers said: This only

### On the rails

More than 100,000 pensioners could sue for their share of a £500 million surplus in the British Rail pension fund. Aslef and RMT, the railway workers' unions. said they would be prepared to take legal action to recover money they regarded as due

### Metal bashing

FKI, the engineering group, launched a hostile bid for Newman Tonks after winning the support of the largest investors of the building materials group. Page 25, Tempus 26

### remain surprised that the Bank, as lead regulator of Barings, did not co-ordinate the response." The Securities & Futures

functions from its other functions and avoid any possible weakening of its regulatory effectiveness due to its proximity to the day to day banking market. Otherwise it may be that in order to bring about the necessary cultural change banking supervision will have to be taken away from the Bank of England.

to demonstrate that is is able

to separate its supervisory

Bank's co-ordinating role: "We are concerned that

Nadir aide

refused bail

ELIZABETH FORSYTH

the former Asil Nadir aide serving five years in prison

for handling stolen funds,

has failed in an attempt to

be released on bail pending an appeal next month.

The court bail application by Forsyth, 59, came.

six months after her con-

viction on two counts of handling £400,000 stolen

from Polly Peck Interna-

tional. Her counsel argued

for her release from an

open prison near Roch-

ester, Kent, on health

grounds. Forsyth has had

a worrying rise in blood-pressure and is concerned

about her elderly mother

The Bank of England's at times there may be too future role: The Bank needs many cooks, and those with front line expertise may be discussions. Furthermore, we

over future of regulators

Authority: "We note with concern that a visit to Barings was conducted by the SFA in January 1995 and that the lack of internal controls and management weaknesses went

The auditors, Coopers & Lybrand: "One of the key checks, that of the auditors, upon which shareholders should be able to rely, failed over a number of years to reveal weak internal controls and resulting unauthorised

behaviour." The Treasury's role: "Ministerial responsibility for all aspects of financial regulation and supervision, including the prudential supervision of the insurance industry, should be transferred to HM Treasury at the earliest opportunity."

### MPs leave questionmark How they reacted to the findings of the report

report identifies some of the dilemmas that face regulators and we welcome it as a constructive contribution to the debate."

Coopers & Lybrand: "We were not responsible for the collapse of Barings. It col-lapsed because of management failure. That is why we have issued proceedings against nine former directors and employees. The Securites & Futures Authority: "The report is wel-

of the difficulties that face all financial regulators." Tim Yeo, Conservative MP for South Suffolk and former chairman of the Treasury Select Committee: "We must ensure that the Bank of England overhauls its approach to supervision or that responsi-

bility should be given to another body. The Bank needs to revise its role fundamentally. While we have not set a timetable for the Bank to take action, we would like to see a positive reaction from the Governor."

The Bank of England didn't give information to the Singapore inspectors represented by Price Waterhouse. This obvi-ously caused a lot of bad feeling. Eddie George denied the problem existed. We weren't convinced."

The British Bankers Association said that the failure of Barings could be seen as a success of the system. "You shouldn't guarantee

that a bank can never fail," it

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### Selloff proceeds flatter PSBR

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

GOVERNMENT borrowing totalled £2.6 billion in November, with continuing overruns in public spending being dis-guised by proceeds from the sale of Ministry of Defence married quarters.

The Public Sector Borrowing Requirement was exactly in line with City expectations, which broadly endorses the Treasury's view that it is on track to meet its £26.4 billion projection for the whole year. Cumulative borrowing over the first eight months totalled £13.9 billion, compared with £22.4 billion over the same

period last year. Taking out

privatisation proceeds, the improvement has been less dramatic, but still marked. This

cent higher than a year ago once the MoD sale is stripped out - against the Chancellor's hopes of containing it at growth of around 2.25 per cent. The MoD sale counts as Government's accounting.

year, cumulative borrowing has totalled £17.8 billion, against £22.4 billion last year. Public spending is 3.5 per

"negative" spending in the However, disappointment on spending is being made up for by healthier than expected

### Strike vote at Lloyds TSB

come as an acknowledgement

WORKERS at Lloyds TSB have voted in favour of taking strike action in protest at the bank's decision to open branches until 4.30pm on Christmas Eve. The Banking Insurance and Finance Union balloted 18,000 of Lloyds TSB's 40,000 staff. Sixty five per cent of the 37 per cent who voted, voted in favour of strike action on Christmas Eve.

The bank said: "We are a retailer. All other retailers are open on Christmas Eve, so we should be open. Only about 4,000 of the staff voted in favour. Most of our staff have an interest in serving

Pennington, page 25

### **Sheffield United** joins stock market

By Jason Nisse SHEFFIELD UNITED will United is situated. United also

become the sixth football club when it reveals a £21.5 million reverse takeover of Conrad, the leisurewear group best known for Le Coq Sportif.

Conrad is paying £9.5 million for the Nationwide First Division club and the combined group will immediately launch a E12 million rights issue to fund development of United's ground at Bramhall Lane in central Sheffield.

The plan is to create a 40,000 all-seat stadium and develop the 17-acre site where

hopes to be promoted to the Premiership and is offering share incentives to Howard Kendall, its football manager. and some of the players if they achieve this. The deal has been on the

cards for two months, but was held up while a deal was struck to buy out a 10 per cent stake in United owned by Stephen Hinchliffe, the businessman whose collapsed Facia empire is being investigated by the Serious Fraud

Mike McDonald, the Manchester businessman who took control of United two years ago, will be non-executive chairman of the quoted company, to be renamed Sheffield Charles Green, the chief

executive of United, will take that post in the quoted company, while lan Townsend. Contad's finance director, will keep his position. Mike Edelson, Conrad's

chief executive, is stepping down because of a conflict of interest, being a main board director of Manchester

However, he will remain involved for some time, large-

### Building workers get fired up for new year nority and indicates that, in 18 per cent of those surveyed.

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

YOU MAY WANT a winter holiday. Your children may want a games computer. John Major and Tony Blair both want to be Prime Minister. But, in the new year, what do many of Britain's construction workers want? They want to

With Christmas out of the way, January is a traditional

pushed out towards the dole queue. However, as the festive season approaches, a new survey shows that, in the building industry at least, some employees thoughts are turning to the sack - giving it, not getting it. Hays Montrose, the recruitment consultant, which speci-

alises in the construction and

property industries, surveyed a sample of 560 employees work-

ing in building about what they wanted in the new year. More than half want a pay rise, and more than a third are thinking about switching job. However, as many as 14 per cent of those surveyed are looking forward to firing someone - perhaps anyone. In Scotland, the proportion of would-be sackers is higher

still, at 22 per cent, and even

on the more sedate South

Coast of England, firers total

In the sedate Home Counties, the figure drops to 13 per cent, and in the phlegmatic Midlands only 6 per cent of construction employees want to fire someone. Robin Smith, managing

director of Hays Montrose, said: "Although, at 14 per cent, the desire to fire someone was relatively low on the scale of

the tightly-run property and construction companies of the 1990s, people are not prepared to put up with anyone who does not pull their weight." Curiously, four-fifths of the workers surveyed say they expect the jobs situation in the construction industry to be "sig-

nificantly" better in 1997 than this year. Unless, of course, those aching to are someone get

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### **News Corp** in Japan venture

The News Corporation and Softbank of Japan yesterday launched Japan Sky Broadcasting, a television company that will provide the platform for hundreds of new digital satellite channels.

News Corp. parent com-pany of The Times, and Softbank, Japan's largest computer software publisher, own an equal share in JSkyB, which is to begin broadcasting in April 1998.

The two companies are also to create a joint venture called Sky Entertainment, which has applied to broadcast 12 channels on the JSkyB satellite. Sky Entertainment will be owned 19.9 per cent by News Corp and 80.1 per cent by Softbank.

### Digital TV rules changed

The Government has am-ended its digital television regulations to include tougher safeguards against anti-competitive behaviour in the supply of conditional

The regulations, laid be-fore Parliament yesterday, require potential digital television service entrants such as BSkyB to provide fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory access to all operators before its own services are up and run-ning. BSkyB is 40-per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times.

### Jobs forecast

Britain's small firms are unlikely to be the principal source of sustained new jobs, a study from the Employment Policy Insti-tute, the jobs think-tank, says today.

Job promises, page 27

### Firms merge Cameron Markby Hewitt and McKenna & Co. two of the City's leading law firms. are to merge. Cameron Mc-Kenna will be the UK's eighth-largest law firm.

### Costain deal

Costain has won a £30 million contract to build a railway engineering work-shop and associated housing in Malaysia.



Sir Paul Nicholson, Vaux chairman, yesterday when he unveiled full-year profits up 9 per cent to £35 million

### Pensioners may sue over BR fund's £500m surplus

AND JONATHAN PRYNN

MORE than 100,000 pensioners could sue for their share of a £500 million surplus in the British Rail pension fund, it

emerged yesterday.
Aslef and RMT, the railway workers' unions, said that they would be prepared to take legal action to recover money they regarded as due to pensioners. Asief claimed that one privatised company, Connex considering withdrawing con-

MISYS, the computer soft-

ware and services company.

yesterday announced acquisi-

tions in America and France

worth an initial £36.6 million

The company is buying

Summit Systems, a private company based in New York

that sells integrated financial

(Martin Barrow writes).

scheme. Connex confirmed last night that the company's pension committee would look at the issue, but said it was currently being drawn up and had not yet started talks with the fund.

Save Our Railways, the campaign group, complained that privatised rail firms would be able to use the surplus from the pension fund to boost profits or take pensions "holidays". The £500 million surplus accumulated after the fund made a number

Misys buys in US and France

It is also buying Quotient France SA, which supplies

Summit products to European

To effect the plan Misys is

acquiring Finance Informa-tion et Technologie, which owns 31.6 per cent of Summit

and 40 per cent of Quotient.

Summit private investors own

capital markets.

size of the surplus became tired before 1994 will not be affected, but more than the value of the £8 billion 100,000 who have retired since pension fund by the Governthen could receive fewer benement Actuary's Department. fits if the entire surplus is The Government denied distributed to shareholders.

claims that it was sanctioning Sir George said he believed it was perfectly in order for any surplus to be shared a pensions "sweetener" for the privatised rail companies. Sir George Young, Transport Secretary, said that railway penbetween members and employers. "What has traditionsion funds would remain ally happened is that the under the management of an surplus has been split 60:40 between the employer and employee — privatisation has not changed that," he said. independent trustee company, which must agree how any surplus is distributed. About

However, Save Our Railways said the rail companies would be pocketing cash that should have been used to improve pensions and benefits for existing staff and future pensioners. Peter Rayner, chairman of the British Transport Pensioners Federation, said pensioners should benefit. Jimmy Knapp, General-Sec-

retary of the RMT, said it would consider whatever action was necessary to defend pensioners' interests.

### BUSINESS ROUNDUP talks over

Vaux in

non-core

assets

By Alasdair Murray

SIR PAUL NICHOLSON,

the chairman of Vaux Group,

yesterday said that the brew-

ing and hotel company was in

negotiations to sell non-core assets but was not prepared to make disposals at any price.

Vaux has put its oursing

home division and five small-

er hotels, with a total book

value of about £50 million, on

The company yesterday un-

veiled a 9 per cent increase in its full-year profits, to £35

million. Turnover also rose

by 9 per cent, to £282 million. Profits of Swallow Hotels

rose by 22 per cent, to £24 million, with occupancy up from 67.8 per cent to 71.7 per cent.

Vaux said that it planned to add 300 rooms to the 30-strong hotel chain by build-

ing new hotels in Liverpool and Huntingdon. The com-

pany aims to invest £21 mil-lion on upgrading Swallow

The brewery division raised its profits by 26 per cent, to £4.5 million, after a re-

organisation that resulted in

major cost savings. Own-brand beer sales rose by I per

cent overall, but margins in

the free pub and club market

continued to suffer from

heavy discounting. Vaux said that its new brands.

Lambton's bitter and the

smooth brew version of Dou-

ble Maxim, had started well

and were benefiting from £3 million of advertising.

The managed pub division. which includes 165 pubs, in-

creased profits by 17 per cent.

to £9 million. Vaux aims to

increase its managed pubs by 25 this year, including five

Profits from the 700-strong

tenanted pub estate fell by 12 per cent, to £12.9 million.

because of heavy investment,

although the company said that it should benefit from the

Sir Paul said that current

year trading has started well and that all the businesses

have good prospects.

The total dividend is being

increased by 4 per cent, to 10.6p. A final dividend of 7.04p

is payable on February 6. Vaux shares fell 5p, to close

million purchase of Ling Dy-

£20.3 million rights issue

These were announced on Friday and an extraordinary

meeting has been convened for December 30.

existing process technology

businesses with Beta and Mal-vern. Burnfield's two main

However, Fairey contends that the Ling purchase will be heavily dilutive and serve as a

digression from Burnfield's

Fairey is offering one new share for every four Burnfield

shares, valuing each Burnfield

share at 145.9p. There is a full cash alternative of 135p.

Burnfield investors will also receive the final dividend of

2.2p a share as forecast by the

company. Burnfield shares rose 36p to

136p yesterday. The shares had fallen from 1112p since

Friday in response to the rights issue of new shares at

existing businesses.

Fairey wants to combine its

expenditure this year.

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the market.

### Higgs and Hill sells its construction arm

A PREMIER league of contractors in UK construction is squeezing out medium-sized companies, John Theakston, chief executive of Higgs and Hill, the construction, property and homes company, said yesterday as it announced the sale of its troubled construction division to Hollandsche Beton Groep, of The Netherlands, for £28.5 million, subject to shareholders' approval. Higgs and Hill is set to receive only En million from the sole, after balances between the two companies are settled.

Mr Theakston said the division, which had turnover of £292

million last year, could not compete with international firms for UK contracts without major financial backing. The division last year had losses of £8.3 million, and exceptional costs of E7.1 million; the sale will let it seek contracts as part of Hollandsche Beton's British operations, whose turnover is about £500 million a year. After the sale, Higgs and Hill will call itself Swan Hill, and focus on its profitable property and homes divisions, including Carter Commercial Developments.

### Kunick takes half stake

KUNICK, the gaming company, is paying £3.4 million for a 50 per cent stake in Bell-Fruit Manufacturing. Gauselmann, the German amusement machine company, is buying the other half. Kunick, which is the largest purchaser of gaming machines in the UK, also reported a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £9.1 million in the year to September 30. Turnover rose 19 per cent to £119 million. The total dividend rises 17 per cent to 0.7p a share with a final dividend of 0.4p.

### Novartis deal approved

AMERICA'S Federal Trade Commission has ruled that Ciba-Geigy and Sandoz can merge to form the world's secondlargest pharmaceuticals group if they sell certain businesses. Novartis, the name of the merged Swiss companies, will be exceeded in size only by Glaxo Wellcome. The FTC requires Novartis to sell or license products in three areas in which Ciba and Sandoz overlapped. Sandoz's North American corn herbicide operation is to be the largest sale, at \$780 million.

### Mersey strike offer

THE Mersey Docks and Harbour Company has made an "ultimate closing offer" to 329 sacked dockers, in the latest attempt to end a 15-month dispute, of £25,000 severance payment or the chance to apply for one of up to 40 jobs in the port. They will also be given a special £3,000 payment for a £2-week fixed contract of employment during which they will not have to work. The dockers have been given until December 31 to conduct a secret ballot on the offer

### **Eurotherm on lookout**

EUROTHERM will focus on acquisitions as part of a strategic review, after last summer's boardroom clash. With cash balances of £34 million, the electronics manufacturer has pronounced itself "able to grasp opportunities should they arise". In the year to October 31, pre-tax profits rose to £37.7 million (£34.1 million) and earnings per share grew 10 per cent to 27.6p. The dividend was increased to 9p (7.5p). with a 5p final due on February 28.

### **Sherwood shares hit**

SHARES of Sherwood Group, the clothing manufacturer, fell 30 per cent to a five-year low of 41 p yesterday after the company issued its second profit warning in six months. Pre-tax profits in the second half are set to be well below the £3.75 million reported in September for the first half. Full-year profits will include £3.1 million reorganisation costs, £2.3 million of which will be in the second half. The company plans to maintain the total dividend for the year at the 1995 level of 3.6p.

### Aberdeen 'squeezes' fees

ABERDEEN TRUST saw a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £7 million for the year to September 30 but said it had squeezed as much income from fund management fees as was possible. It would now have to exploit opportunities for growth in the US, Singapore and the UK. The loss of £120 million Lloyd's funds to Equitas meant overall funds under management grew £137 million to £2.84 billion. A final dividend of 2.2p, payable March 5, is 28 per cent higher.

### **UB sells Ross for £44m**

MANAGERS of the Ross frozen vegetables firm have bought the business from United Biscuits for £44 million. They have formed a new company, RVP Foods, which is supported by the private equity arm of the Union Bank of Switzerland. Proceeds from the sale will be used to repay United Biscuits' borrowings. Last year, Ross had sales of £56.1 million and operating profits of £6.2 million. It has net assets of £11.4 million. The disposal will lead to a write-off of £51 million.

### Coats Viyella lifted

SHARES of Coats Viyella, the largest supplier of clothing to Marks & Spencer, rose 5p from a five-year low of 122p after the company said lower raw material prices should offset right margins to produce second half operating profits similar to those of last year. Ladieswear sales were strong but knitwear and men's and children's clothing has been disappointing. A steady second half will still mean lower full-year profits as interim earnings were 34 per cent lower at £47 million.

### Severn Trent buyback

SEVERN TRENT, the water company barred last month from bidding for South West Water, yesterday added to the utilities' shareholder bonanza with a £121.5 million buyback of its own shares. It will spend further cash "as appropriate". The company bought 4.9 per cent of its shares in the market at 675p after an announcement last month that it would buy back 10 per cent of its equity. Severn Trent has followed other utilities in delivering substantial shareholder returns.

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has agreed to pay up to £11.2

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### Fairey makes surprise bid for Burnfield

BY MAJESTN BARROW

FAIREY GROUP, the industrial electronics and specialist engineering company, has launched a surprise ESLI million takeover bid for Burnfield, the engineering business.

Burnfield, whose chairman is Brian McGowan, urged shareholders to reject the offer, setting the scene for an acrimonious takeover battle. Fairey's bid is conditional on Burnfield shareholders voting against the proposed £24

McGowan: urges rejection

90p each. Fairey shares fell 1½p to 582p yesterday. Mr McGowan, who holds about a million Burnfield shares, said that Pairey was offering a knockdown price.

### Staged reductions to £330,000 planned

### Hanson cuts his pay packet

BY GEORGE STVELL

LORD Hanson, who has slimmed down many a flabby enterprise in his time, is to

Hanson annual report that he halved his pay with effect from October I, the start of the new financial year, in recognition of the demerger of Imperial, the tobacco business, and Millennium, the chemicals misiness.

The annual report shows Lord Hanson's salary at £1,320,000 for the year to

October 1996 and says that writes to shareholders: "The has been cut to £660,000 for performance of the share the current financial year. The report says this will be cut again to £330,000 when The

half his pay packet and then half it again.

Shareholders are told in the Bonham, the Hanson chief executive and the highest paid director mentioned, enjoying a 32 per cent rise from £1,123,000 to £1,484.000 during the year. Mr Bonham is also chairman of Imperial and is to become chairman of

The Energy Group.

Lord Hanson also criticises

performance of the share price is of over-riding importance to us all and has been very disappointing. The combined value of Hanson and the demerged companies was 195p on December I, 1995, and now stands at 150p (December 5 figure) This in no way represents either earning capacity or future prospects."

The Energy Group is scheduled to be demerged early next year. Further details of its results to September 1996 and its future plans are exthe stock marker's poor recep-tion to the demerger. He due to be published soon.

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□ Northern battle nears its end □ Fresh wrangle over pension rights □ Bank takes flak from Barings

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# When small investors count

☐ MOST takeover bids work out their passage in their stylised way, with the usual choreographed moves and counter-moves en route, which are of enormous fascination to the participants and to the industry of advisers who earn multimillion pound fees but of limited interest elsewhere. We had two such yesterday, a couple of engineers bidding for smaller and less successful rivals.

Just a few, however, have resonance beyond the investment community and their respective industries. Forte versus Granada was one such, ending in a defeat for an incumbent management that had played the loyalty card to fund managers without any solid achievements to back this up. At the time there was much talk about City short-termism; the improvements Granada has achieved since suggest that sup-port for Forte management would have meant taking a long-

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term view to excess. Some similar arguments are being fielded in the CalEnergy bid for Northern Electric. It is a case of cash now, or support for a management that has done about all it humanly can to provide the maximum shareholder value as an alternative.

CalEnergy's 650p terms were initially seen as unattractive. Two new factors have intervened

since. A couple of precipitate the century, puts a fair support market collapses have made attractive than the current share price.

The battle, which closes on since. A couple of precipitate market collapses have made 650p in cash more attractive than it had once seemed. The hid, which had been expected to be blocked by Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was waved through. Had the hid lapsed, Northern shareholders would not have seen the money anyway. But its clearance also suggests onen season for those way. But its clearance also suggests open season for those three other regional electricity companies not yet under new ownership. Expect action soon — possibly even before the Northern bid closes.

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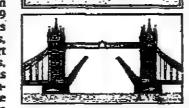
clearance raised the value of such businesses, and so by extension that of Northern. If the CalEnergy bid fails, the theory suggests, there will be another along in due course — possibly even from the same bidder at a higher price, if agreed. This is allowed under Takeover Panel rules, and Northern has indicated a fair value in the £7 area. Meanwhile the latter's stated dividend policy, a 99.2p payment in February, a prospec-tive 10 per cent yield the year after and annual dividend growth of 8 per cent to the end of

Friday, will turn around those 19 per cent of Northern investors who are private shareholders, and therefore inclined to support the board. The City institutions, barring a couple of exceptions who have already declared them-selves against the hid, will take the money. That 19 per cent have an exceptional opportunity to take a supportive stance, while still able to rely on the high dividends already promised. The betting is that the City will decide the affair. But local investors

### Temptation in a little pot of gold

could choose to swing the matter.

☐ GOVERNMENT ministers took the same attitude to pen-sions as other furtive 1980s' employers in the messier privatisations such as buses, electricity and rail. If British Aerospace or British Telecom were sold intact. pensions simply went with them. When the old state organisation was broken up, all sorts of PENNINGTON



possibilities (and responsibil-

riies) suddenly opened up.
Pensioners had to be protected.
But when highly paid advisers pointed out that state industry pension funds had surpluses that could be used to help to finance costly restructuring - or even just lurnish Treasury coffers — ministers' eyes lit up with the childish delight of a lucky fruit-machine punter. Their delight was the greater because breaking up an industry otherwise yielded far less than selling it to the public intact.

In the National Bus break-up, Government niftily seized rights to any surplus in an unequal exchange for some less-than-generous guarantees. In electric-ity, surpluses were apportioned with striking generosity towards man. Whitehall and the trustees will surely be anxious to avoid finance the extra pension cost of associated redundancies.

By the time the centrifuge approach to privatisation reached its apogee on the railways, the form was well established. Surpluses could be used to slim franchise subsidies by allowing hidders to see that they could enjoy a contributions holiday. In a twisted way, it makes sense. The surpluses are being retained in the industry, allowing the franchise director to obtain a better deal on services or

investment for the same subsidy.

As soon as fund members started challenging these deals with the pensions ombudsman, however, awkward questions arose. How should trustees share such surpluses between member and employer? And what pressures are put on trust-ees to do what the Government wants? In the bus case, the ombudsman ruled that pressure has been unfair, though min-isters still hope the courts will let them keep the surplus. Electricity workers were hard done by too, according to the ombudsanother embarrassing rebuff from the State's own watchdog.

### Independence may not be enough

ACCUSING the Bank of England of being too close to the City is a little like accusing it of being in Threadneedle Street - it does rather go with the territory. It is impossible to review the Barings saga without disquiet over the way the system was operated, the cosy series of nods and winks that were supposed to be enough but weren't, me chummy assumption that the sheer longevity of the country's oldest merchant bank bestowed the right to operate

without supervision. There is a clear argument to separate the Bank's twin functions of economic stewardship and financial regulation of the banking system, if not least because the first area tends to attract the brightest minds much more fun to follow the Chancellor from summit to summit dropping pearls of eco-

nomic wisdom than trawl wearily through endless financial audits. But it is not so clear whether an independent regulator would be effective merely because it would be independent.

The SEC on Wall Street is held out as a role model by some. But the SEC's success has come about not least because of the weapons available to it, including heavy civil penalties that require a lower burden of proof than criminal remedies — a relevant point the day after Ernest Saunders's victory in the European Court.

### Counter call

IT WILL be a cold and hungry Christmas Eve in the banking halls this year. The staff at Lloyds/TSB and NatWest have been told to work through the afternoon. The customer comes first sate banks in a ballow first, says Lloyds, in a hollow gesture intended to bring good-will to the high street before overdraft rate charges begin to hurt. But the paupers - sorry, staff - at Lloyds are revolting. Our families come first, they say, leaving NatWest alone to man the counters. But relephone banking goes on heedless of the season of goodwill, a thought that should bring a non-festive shiver to all banking staff — and the prospect of an unmerry new

### FKI's bid for Tonks is rejected

FKI, the engineering group, yesterday launched a hostile bid for Newman Tonks after winning the support of the largest shareholders of the building materials group.

The cash-and-shares offer values Newman Tonks at £195.7 million. Alternatively, shareholders could take £182.6 million in cash.

FKI had been contemplating a bid for three years, and decided to go ahead only after gaining firm undertakings from M&G and Britannic Assurance, which hold a total of 13.4 per cent of Newman

M&G, which is Newman Tonks's largest shareholder, with more than II per cent, is irrevocably committed to accepting the offer after years of support for the Newman. Tonks board.

M&G's move was regarded as highly significant in the City, Nigel Harrison, of Wil-liams de Broe, the stockbroker, said that M&G's change

of mind bode well for FKI. Newman Tonks shares rose from 129p to 149 p, just shy of

FKI's 150p-per-share offer. Jeff Whalley, FKI chair-man, said: "Newman Tonks represents an excellent opportunity to expand our hardware business internationally and in new sectors of the market. We have proven our

ability to enhance the performance of our core businesses in recent years, and I am confident that Newman Tonks's results can be significantly improved under our

Mr Whalley said that Newman Tonks's operating margins, earnings per share and dividend had all fallen by at

least 11 per cent since 1992.

If the bid succeeds, the enlarged FKI group would have a stronger focus on hardware supplies and double its present hardware turnover. Whereas Newman Tonks opper cent of FKI's hardware business is in America.

Newman Tonks, responded to the bid by branding it "opportunistic", and saying that it undervalued its busi-

shareholders to reject the offer and take no immediate action. The money payable under the cash alternative will be funded from existing cash resources and through a fully underwritten conditional rights issue of up to two new FKI shares for every 13 existing FKI shares at 175p per

FKI shares closed at 19612 p. down from 200n.

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### Nursing homes 'in decline'

BY ERIC REGULY

GOLDSBOROUGH Healthcare predicted yesterday that profit margins in its nursing homes division would continue to come under pressure because of flat or declining occupancy rates.
Graham Smith, chief execu-

tive, said funding uncertainties from local authorities had reduced nursing home occupancy rates from 92.5 per cent last year to 90 per cent now. The nursing homes divi-sion, which includes care

homes, reported a 6 per cent decline in operating profits, to £4.5 million, in the year to September 30. The downturn was more than offset by better performances from the hospital and home care business. Pre-tax profits rose 11 per cent to £5.9 million on turnover of

£68.7 million, up 34 per cent. The final dividend, to be paid on February 28, rises 10 per cent to 2.97p, making the total dividend 4.29p.



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### Securicor squeezed by competition

By Eric Reguly

INCREASED competition and weakness in parts of Europe put pressure of the core operations of Securicor, the security and communications group. Operating profits in its sec-

urity division, which accounts for almost one third of turnover, declined from £15 million to £12 million in the year to September 30. The company said its British operations suffered from competitors which had reduced prices to "unsustainable levels" and problems in its French operations. Securicor Cellular Services,

its communications business,

also suffered a downturn, with a loss of £4.5 million (£2.6 million profit). Securicor blamed the downturn on a shift in the mobile-phone customer base to consumer subscribers, who are more prone to bad debts than business customers. The other businesses fared better. Parcels distribution, which includes Omega Express and Pony Express, was the star performer with a 57 per cent rise in profits to £21 million. Cellnet, the mobilephone company which is 40 per cent owned by Securior and 60 per cent owned by British Telecom, generated 176

million in profits (£70 million). Group pre-tax profits were up 8.1 per cent to £107.4 million. Earnings per share were 11.6p against 10.7p last time, and the final dividend of 1.2p, due on April 4, makes a 1.56p total, up 17 per cent.

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### Insurance sector heats up as merger rumours grow

THE market remains con-vinced that it can only be a matter of time before a major deal is announced in the

Once again the speculative attention was focused on Commercial Union as the price raced up 13p to a new peak of 693p as persistent talk of the long-waited bid from Allianz, the German insurance group, resurfaced.

It seems that a plan by BAT Industries to merge its finan-cial service arm, that includes Allied Hambro, Eagle Star. and Farmers, with CU was abandoned a few weeks ago.

But BAT continues to look at ways of expanding. Now the speculators claim it may be looking at General Accident. up 21p at 71612, which is reckoned to be the safest bet after CU. At these levels GA is capitalised at £3.3 billion.

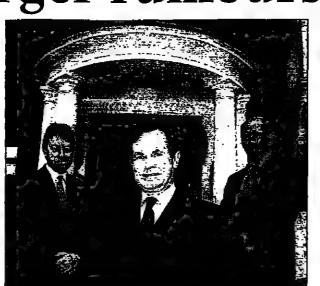
The insurance brokers are also undergoing a period of consolidation. In recent weeks Aon has merged with A&A and earlier this week Lloyd Thompson, l'ap firmer at 17512p, decided to tie the knot with JIB Group, 2p better at 132p. Further deals are expected. Willis Corroon, up 5p at 14012p, Sedgwick, 112p dearer at 13312p, are both seen as possible bid candidates.

The overnight setback for shares on Wall Street provided a dull backdrop to trading in London, with prices marked lower at the outset. The losses were accelerated after lunch by a stronger than expected jump in new US housing starts. It prompted an initial mark-down of US Treasury bonds while the Dow Jones industrial average also moved lower. But New York later clawed back a 31-point deficit enabling the London market to close above its worst levels. The FT-SE 100 index reduced a 23-point deficit to close 14.2 down at 3,979.6 as a total of 888 million shares were

British Gas fell 6p to 22312p after ABN Amro Hoare Govett, one of its joint brokers. reduced its break-up value for the company from 240p to 220p. It also reduced its recommendation from a "buy" to a "hold".

Hoare Govett was also responsible for a op fall in ICI at 767p after a profits downgrading. It has reduced its estimate for the current year by £25 million to £675 million and for 1995 by £35

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Kunick was firmer on higher profits for John Jones, finance director, left, Russell Smith, centre, and Clive Clague

RTZ, the mining finance group, fell 30p to 921 2p on the back of comments made by Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest quoted company, about falling coal prices.

Newman Tonks climbed 2012p to 14912p after rejecting the terms of a £195.7 million offer from FKI, the fast growing engineering group. New-man said the bid undervalued

Burnfield at 135p a share. Brian McGowan, chairman of Burnfield, said Fairey was offering a knock-down price for the group and its potential. Fairey slipped 11ap to 582p. Shares of Sherwood Group tumbled 17p to 4112p after issuing its second profits warning in six months. Sales

of both lace and garments were depressed and pre-tax

Compass Group fell 8p to 612p after Accor, of France, sold a total of 6 million shares at 601.6p each, a sharp discount. It reduces Accor's stake to 21.53 per cent. Despite the sale, Paribas Capital Markets, the broker, remains a buyer of Compass and forecasts a 675p target price during the next six to nine months.

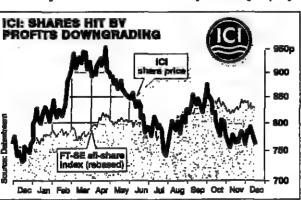
prospects. M&G and Britannic, Newman Tonks's two biggest shareholders, account for 13.4 per cent of the shares and have agreed to 212p easier at 19612p.

Elsewhere in the engineer-ing sector, Burnfield surged 36p to 136p after rejecting terms of a ESI.1 million offer from Fairey. The deal values

profits in the second half will be "appreciably less" than the £3.75 million achieved in the first six months. The group is dend. The fallout hit Courtanids Textiles, another producer of lace, which ended 10p down at 221p.

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bought back almost 5 per cent of its own shares. The group announced plans to buy back up to 10 per cent of its shares along with the interim figures

Kunick, the leisure group under Clive Clague, chairman, and Russell Smith, chief executive, firmed 34p to 2314p with the help of a 10 per cent increase in pre-tax profits at £9.1 million. It has also concluded a joint agreement with Gauselmann in order to buy Bell-Fruit Manufacturing for £6.8 million.

Increased losses left Aromascan 412p lower at 95p. while Eurotherm failed to benefit from full-year profits bang in line with City expectations as the price fell 20p to 540p. The City gave a lukewarm response to full-year figures from Vaux showing pre-tax profits up E3 million at E34.8 million. The shares settled 5p lower at 25212p.

Clubpartners, the AIM-listed leisure group, crashed a further 5p to 212p after the group admitted that any offers for the company were likely to be pitched at around the lp level. Last week the shares were trading at 11p.

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NEW YORK: On Wall Street concern about the future of the economy and interest rates prevailed and

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### Engineering a bid

turnover, has suffered a

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Cellnet stake. As the logical

buyer, BT will naturally

at Newman Tonks. Not only has the fund manager encouraged FKI to launch its bid. but M&G has offered a carrot in the form of a full, irrevocable undertaking to accept FKI's offer. Even if Newman Tonks manages to rustle up a higher bid from a friendly third party, M&G is committed to FKI; and the latter could, if it chooses, make a quick profit by selling to the rival bidder.

To that extent, FKI could defray some of its underwriting fees, but the cost of winning is not inconsiderable. The engineering group is paying marginally less than £200 million for an equivalent amount of sales, a fullish price. The remaining £50 million to £60 million of Newman Tonk's annual revenue is likely to be sold quickly if a buyer can be found. Losses in the contract services arm of Newman

M&G IS the measure of the poor performance 
Tonks were responible for the first-half profits collapse and the business would add little to FKI. The question is how fast can FKI boost the Newman Tonks margins. Excluding the duff businesses FKI does not want margins will be higher than the reported 6 per cent return on sales, a ratio the bidder scornfully compares with its own 16 per cent margin on hardware sales.

FKI will do well out of Newman if it can take its margins up to the 12 per cent level, but that assumption of hidden value raises a problem. If Newman Tonks is a good business badly run, others, such as Williams Holdings, might seek to do the honours. The behaviour of Newman Tonks suggests that an auction, not a defence, is now in progress. That is good news for M&G, whose recent investment record is more akin to Newman Tonks than FKI.

### Securicor

SECURICOR continues to wrestle with the same prob-lem. Profits and growth are driven by its 40 per cent stake in Cellnet, the mobile phone company it jointly owns with British Telecom.

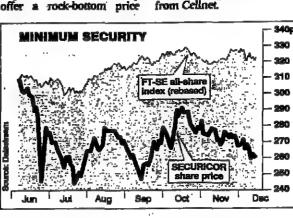
The investment has been a gem, but Securicor's management is keen to sell: a passive investment in mobile telephony hardly justifies their existence and they would like to free up resources to expand security, parcels delivery and business services. But the sale cannot proceed without government approval, and there is no chance of that happen-

ing before the election.

The delay is a blessing in disguise; Securicor has a lot of work to do. If it is to unicad Celinet it must prove that it can do a better job of

unless Securicor can find The parcels distribution competing bidders. the security division, which accounts for almost a third of

Securicor shares are worth a bet at this stage. Margins are more likely to rise than fall; and if they follow the latter course, the company may find itself in the sights of Rentokil and other predators. There remains the hope of squeezing more value from Cellnet.



### T&N

in the value of the shares, a DOGGED determination is what you should expect from T&N, a company that refused to throw in the towel despite having paid out £500 million in claims for asbestos-related injuries. Yet T&N's pursuit of Kolbenschmidt, the German piston maker, might raise some evebrows. The two-year cost of its option over 50 per cent of Kolbenschmidt has been about £24 million and despite the initial ruling of the German cartel office -barring a T&N takeover fence the asbestos problem. the British auto components T&N is hardly ready to maker intends to continue its mount a £250 million bid for pursuit. The cost of parking a German company, but a collaborative venture might half of the share options with Metalibank (Commerzbank be acceptable. is apparently feeling the political heat) is a further £8 million but the new twist is that Metallbank is merely a

moved the options from its balance sheet. Previously,

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cost it can ill afford, given the asbestos-related provisions. In due course, the remaining 25 per cent of the Kolbenschmidt stake may follow suit and the question is whether the mystery European investors can help T&N to resolve its battle to control the piston maker. What T&N needs is an alliance which would give it influence over Kolbenschmidt without the control that displeases the German cartel office. After the recent measures to ring-

VAUX is the ugly duckling of

Swallow hotel chain is admired by the City. Other businesses, from brewing to nursing homes, remain an working hard to transform its image and some £50 million of assets are up for sale, sion has been put in order. umes. The Bass-Carlsberg tie-up could actually ease some of the pressure on the company by ending a fierce discounting war that has olagued the beer trade in the North East.

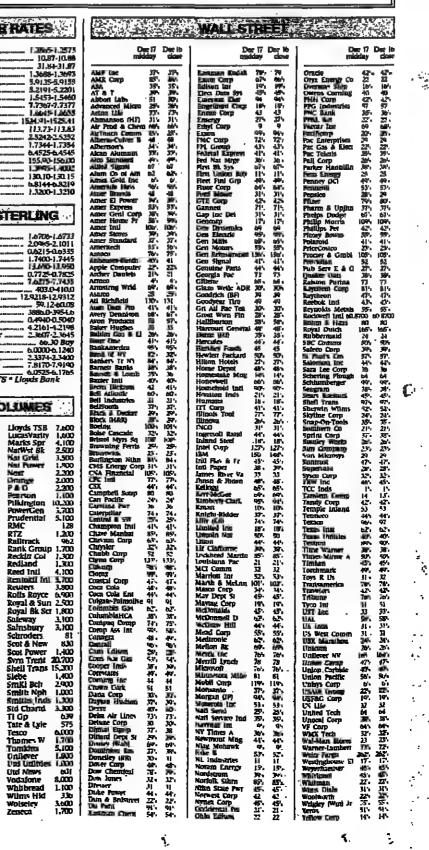
But worries persist that Vaux simply does not have the financial strength to grow flects the upswing in consumer spending. Money from disposals would help, aithough it may not be enough to impress the City. Profits are predicted to rise to around £38.5 million, placing the shares on an undemanding forward price earnings rates among the best of its

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### **Going Places** with Cilla

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To celebrate tomorrow's launch, Going Places is sending the only two couples to have married as a result of the show on a second honeymoon. Cilla Black will not be there the presenter of the show is on her hols.

### Called to the bar

TRUE to my word, legal firms Cameron Markby Hewitt and McKenna & Co have tied the knot. Once meetings to take a vote had finished at both firms on Monday night, separate celebrations began. In the middle of the excitement, however, someone at Camerons (whose party had started rather earlier than its other half's) suggested that if the two firms were merging. then so should the parties. At once, taxies were filled with dewy-eyed partners from Camerons, heading off to initiate themselves with their new relations at "Cameron McKenna".



Rimmer: is that you?

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FULL MARKS all round to Legal & General for the most boring, most cheesy, most embarrassing Christmas card. Graham Rimmer, the insurance company's photogenic press officer, has taken time out of his busy schedule to pose for the picture. If this is what it's like during the festive season. imagine the office during the rest of the year. Oh yes, and isn't that a Hermes tie Mr Rimmer is wearing?

### On the case

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people working their fingers to the bone before Christmas. Eleven case officers in the OFT's mergers secretariat have dealt with 487 cases already this year, including the proposed British Airways-American Airlines alliance and the planned Bass-Carlsberg-Tetley takeover. Since the beginning of last week, 26 cases have been completed and a 40-page consultation document on the BA-AA merger has been published. Working on an average of 10 cases each at any one time, sometimes to a deadline of 35 days, staff will be letting rip at this week's Christmas party.

### Travel pack

WHERE has Le Meridien Piccadilly been since the awakening of equality? The botel has introduced a new "Female Executive
Traveller" package, promising low-calorie menus and glossy magazines for lonely females to read in its restaurants. Business women will be escorted to their hotel room, located close to the lift, where there will be a welcome letter waiting with basic safety tips and essential information on beauty treatments. An all-impor-tant magnifying mirror will be hanging in the

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# As promised — Tories labour their point on employment

**EMPLOYMENT SINCE 1992 ELECTION** 

Philip Bassett

goes in search of the truth behind

claims in the

John Major advert on employment

ohn Major's bespectacled eyes stare hugely out from the bill-boards plastered around Britain's streets. "As promised," the advertisement says, "more jobs". As the Government today unveils its latest job figures, the Prime Minister's campaign allies the Conservatives' jobs record with its tax-cutting claims as one of the key issues on the pre-election agenda. Are the Conservatives right?

Ministers hope today's latest labour market figures will show a further fall in unemployment, though there were no clear signs in Westminster yester-day about whether the fall will take claimant unemployment below the significant two million mark.

While ministers are hopeful that the figures today or next month will show ngures today or next month will show that, officials yesterday were pointing out that last month's 40,800 fall was associated with a number of special factors. They might "bounce back" on today's figure, which needs to drop by at least a seasonally adjusted 30,100 to fall helps; the two stills of the special of the season of the seasonally adjusted 30,100 to fall helps. fall below the two million threshold something it has done only twice in the

past two years.

A few months before a general election, unemployment is clearly a key electoral concern for voters, with more than 10.3 million people having had one or more spells of being out of work since the 1992 vote. But however significant unemployment is, it is the number of jobs that will be vital in ushering back the elusive "feel-good" factor, seen as central to the election. By focusing in the current "As promised" advertising campaign on only tax cuts and jobs, that is the Conservatives'

clear pre-election judgment.

But for the Government, the jobs story since the last election is made more difficult by the disparity between its two principal measures of employment, as produced by the Office for National Statistics — the employer-based Workforce in Employment series (WinE), focusing mainly on employees in employment (EinE), and the household-based Labour Force Survey series. Whitehall's statisticians have just been revising the figures, gain, so that the gap between the two has been reduced, this time by 98,000, so that it now stands at 454,000 - still more of a yawning chasm than a gap, and one that is proving difficult and perhaps impossible to bridge.

Take overall employment change since the last election. The employer-based EinE series measures the change as an increase of 129,000, or just 0.6 per cent barely enough to justify the "As promised" campaign. The LFS sees it differently — a 467,000 increase in jobs, or just

under 2 per cent. Because its methodology makes it internationally comparable — and because it is less subject to the switchbacks of political decision-making - statisticians tend to favour the LFS. Ministers tend to like the "real" numbers of the unemployment claimant count, or the EinE, which is partly LABOUR FORCE SURVEY **EMPLOYEES IN** EMPLOYMENT

monthly LFS, instead of the current quarterly arrangement; but the markedly better figures of the LFS on jobs are tempting them sorely.

in any case, the WinE and EinE series are still economically more important — in particular, because they, and not the LFS, are used as components in other key economic indicators, including the GDP figures. and in Budget arithmetic.

Looking at the EinE series, then, and comparing March 1992 - a month before that year's election - with the latest-available figures, for June 1996, the overall job growth of 129,000 masks important other developments.

For instance, the overall improvement disguises sharply differing experiences for men, and for women. Since the last election, the total number of jobs for men has gone down, by 84,000. or 0.8 per cent. The number of jobs held by women has risen, by 213,000, or 2 per cent. Given both the dominance of women in part-time work, and the increasing attractiveness to employers of more flexible work patterns, the why they have rejected a move to a period has also seen very different

developments in patterns of employ ment. Part-time jobs are up since the election, by 7.7 per cent, or 439,000. 283,000, or 1.8 per cent.

employment pattern has diverged, too. The South West, for instance, has seen the highest job growth, at 4.5 per cent, region has traditionally been a lowemployment, low-pay area.

et the industrial heartland of the West Midlands has seen a 2.9 per cent increase in jobs, up 59,000 since the election, followed by the East Midlands at 1.9 per cent, or 30,000, and then Yorkshire and Humberside, at 1.8 per cent, or 34,000 jobs. By contrast, some areas have seen a fall. Scotland has lost 100,000 jobs since the election - down 5 per cent. The North has seen 3.25 per cent of its jobs go, or 36,000, while 0.6 per cent, or 15,000, have gone in net terms over the period.

These differential experiences of job growth, and some continuing job decline, are reflected in the patterns in

different industrial sectors. Despite recent increases, jobs in manufacturing, which were hammered in the recessions of the early 1980s and the early 1990s, have continued to be hit since the election, with the total number of manufacturing jobs now 25 per cent down since then — a fall of 101,000. Service sector jobs — often seen as less secure, less well-paid and less long-lasting — are up, in contrast, by 3.3 per cent or 576,000.

Within these broad groupings, some individual areas have been harder hit, while some have prospered. Unsurprisingly, given the extent of the pit closure programme from 1992 onwards, mining and energy has seen the biggest fall in obs - down a huge 44.5 per cent or 153,000 since the election.

Sectorally, nothing else comes close, though almost 16 per cent of jobs in construction, or 150,000, have gone over that period; 11.3 per cent of jobs in agriculture, or 33,000; and 7 per cent of jobs in transport, or 96,000.

o sectors have seen compara ble rates of growth. The official category of real estate, renting and general business service activities has seen the biggest increase — up 18.7 per cent, or an increase of a hefty 441,000 jobs. Employment in hotels and restaurants is up 8 per cent, or 94,000, and in health — probably mainly administrative jobs — by 4.5 per cent, or

Even using the LFS figures, which show overall much higher jobs growth, similar differences emerge, though when set against the EinE series, the pattern can be confusing. Not only does the LFS show much higher jobs growth since the 1992 election, at 467,000, but the composi-

tion of that growth is different.

Whereas the EinE figures show men's employment falling while women's has risen, the LPS shows a rise for both— 150,000, or 1 per cent, for men, and 317,000, or 2.8 per cent, for women. The trends on part and full-time working are at least in the same direction in the two series, though the LFS figures show a startling increase — albeit from a relatively low base of 978,000 — in parttime work for men, which is up 300,000, or more than 30 per cent.

White-collar employment has grown more sharply than manual work, the LPS shows - up 678,000, roughly divided evenly between men and women, compared with a growth of just 96,000 in blue-collar jobs since the election. Jobs showing increases in-clude managers and professional work, together with sales and personal service employment — hairdressers,

security guards and so on.
Clerical and especially skilled craft work have seen falls — down respectively by 58,000, or 1.5 per cent, and 282,000, or 8 per cent. By industry, the pattern is broadly similar.

Even given the statistical disparities so far unexplained by ministers and Whitehall, what all these figures tend to confirm is an employment pattern now fixed in electors' minds: fewer jobs in the "older" areas of employment. among men, in manufacturing, in peripheral regions, and in full-time work and, at the same time, a rise in jobs for women, in the service sector, in low-paying regions, in part-time employment.

The fact that after a long period of falling unemployment there have been rises at all in jobs is enough, just, to give at least a sliver of substance to the Government's poster claims. Whether that will be enough for the electorate



HARRIS

### The curse of the Fairy Godmother

ohn Major seems likely to enjoy his Christmas break more than he can have dared to hope only a few weeks ago. He has survived a crucial vote. Shoppers are behaving as if they felt good. And now his policies enjoy the OECD seal of approval: Britain can, it seems, go on performing like a Euro-tiger, outgrowing most other developed countries.

Little (apart from the IRA) seems likely to disturb his festivities. The markets have settled into the slumber that follows a good meal; and even if they get a twinge of indigestion and provoke a fall in equities or sterling, the correction would actually be quite welcome. Could it

all come right?
You will hardly expect an endorsement in this column; and if you step back a little. the prospect changes into an old seasonal puzzle what is

wrong with this picture? other words, can an open есолоту really outgrow main mar-

kets long? Can a recovery that started with the enforced devaluation of 1992 survive the reversal of that advantage? And if things do go wrong, what is the right response? Raise

right back to where we came in? Or cut them in step with the rest of the world and return to stop-go? If you are a Conservative Minister, perhaps the best way to get to sleep peacefully

interest rates to check infla-

tion and push the pound

is to count the dilemma which will face the next government Bad management or just bad luck? The Chancellor did ask for trouble when he made no response at all to the huge handouts which

building society savers are enjoying. That could lead to indigestion. But even if he had taken steps to smooth the growth of home de-mand, he would have been left with a harder problem: what can be done to suppress sterling?

Mirs Thatcher faced this poser - or rather, failed to face it — in her first years. The high pound knocked the economy flat and corrected only when the oil price fell. No such rescue is in sight this time. If the exchange rate does not ease very soon, you can forget the OECD's cheerful UK forecast. Just another

dud projection.
But if it isn't oil this time, why is the exchange rate rising so relentlessly? Within Europe, we can no doubt blame the French, as usual. After blaming us for a sneaky devaluation, they have joined in, and persuad-ed the Germans to join them, in the joy-throughweakness campaign. But the pound is rising not just in Europe, but against every-thing — and that is not so

easy to explain. I hope, at least, that you agree it is difficult; for that is my only hope of persuading you to give any serious attention to what may look a far-fetched guess. Is it pos-sible the British Iton has indeed become a tiger, as Ministers like to boast, but is now suffering the fate of

other 'tigers'.
All offered cheap, orderly and relatively well-trained labour, and friendly tax regimes. All

If the exchange attracted rate does not ease large inflows of fixed invery soon, you vestment can forget the which speeded modern-OECD's cheerful isation. But later they **UK** forecast "enjoyed"

stronger portfolio inflows than they could absorb — a process which Brian Reading, of Lombard Street Research has christened "uphill capi-

The result of this forcefeeding: first a rising exchange rate and/or rising reserves; then a rising domestic money supply: then rising inflation and a ballooning trade deficit. Final chapter, unless they are luckier than Mexico: co lapse of confidence, currency, economy and all.

This is a capital market version of Greek tragedy (hubris followed by Nemesis), and it seems equally inevitable. Only one government has found any answer. Singapore controls its capital markets so tightly that it has been able to keep the inflows out of domestic circulation. No British government

seems likely to try to tame the City in the same way, and would probably fail if it tried. But perhaps the markets can do it for themselves. If British fund managers switch overseas aggressively enough, they can recycle this poisoned gift. So you have a duty this

Chistmas. Spread a little panic. Your country needs

### Morag Preston on corporate Christmas gifts with a twist

### Preserving a presence with a present

tal are being kept busy delivering Christmas presents from one company to another. The giving of corpo-rate gifts is back with a vengeance. But diaries bearing the company logo, which usually go straight in the bin, and bottles of booze have fallen out of favour. This year the City is dabbling in corporate gifts with quirky angles.
"For the first time in three

years, I haven't had it said to me that times are hard," says Francesca Humphreys, managing director of The Empire Group, a corporate gifts comwhose clients include pany whose clients include SBC Warburg, Ogilvy & Mather and Sony Music. Business is booming for the

pukka present service specialising in luxury British products from retailers such as Theo Fennell, the jeweller, and Justerini & Brooks, the wine merchant. "We are constantly on the lookout for unusual gift ideas that go a long way beyond silver-plated letteropeners and carriage clocks." she says, adding that this year's most popular present from employers to staff is a £20 silver-plated candle snuffer.

Harrods corporate gifts service is boasting record figures this year, with hamper sales up 60 per cent and those of guit vouchers 30 per cent. Travel agencies and airlines are among the Knightsbridge store's most regular subscribers to its gifts service. From cuddly toys to gift vouchers. the most important feature is the Harrods logo. "Fifty per



cent of the pleasure is in the moose in a customised airtight 1,200 natty "mug mats" to packaging, "says Humphreys. Her clients, especially American and Japanese companies, want to send "typically Brit-ish" gifts. It is the Americans and Japanese who have forced the British into corporate gift giving, she says.

Marketing directors tend to organise what gifts go to staff and contacts. Medium-sized companies that sign up with Empire usually spend between £30 and £50 per gift. But even if they spend less, it is the name of the shoo it came from that is all important -Mosimann's Christmas puddings in pretty boxes, for example, at £7 each. A cuddly

can from Chester Boyd, the catering company, is one of the more unusual gifts to have turned up at The Times. Meanwhile, the healthcare division of Legal & General has sent out aromatherapy stress kits to help recipients through the festive season. Moneyfacts, the UK's leading provider of mortgage and savings data, acized on the idea of a Christmas cracker containing a mini

The best corporate Christmas gifts are those forever linked with the company that sends them. This year, the team at Kleinwort Benson's Investment Trusts sent out

private clients and stockbrokers, with a photographic montage of their smiling faces on one side and a Father Christmas cartoon on the other. For the past ten years, Roger Hulett, director of Investment Trust Sales at Kleinwort, has been dreaming up inventive gift ideas to charm his contacts and wind up the opposition. Brian Winterflood, manag-

ing director of Winterflood Securities, who is renowned for his Christmas gift giving. this year came up with a customised "mouse mat". while the equity sales ream at Société Générale sent out juggling balls. So too did Mercu-ry Asset Management. Every year, Guinness sends

out a bottle of whisky or gin to key contacts, including bro-kers, analysts and fund managers. This year, it was a 12-year-old bottle of Johnnie Walker Black Label. Meanwhile, staff at Guinness are allowed to choose from a selection of alcoholic beverages. The brewer also sends out about 17,000 bottles of Johnnie Walker every Christmas to former employees. Asda sent out huge food

parcels with samples of its seasonal products, including cold turkey sauce, a first-footings kit, banana toffee Christmas pudding, and a tin of its Christmas dinner for dogs. However, its staff are not allowed to receive gifts.

Tesco will occasionally give a gift to a supplier, whereas Sainsbury and Safeway do not give or receive any gifts. Marks & Spencer leaves it to its various departments to choose what they send to whom, but usually it is a box of the store's finest chocolates.

Sending the wrong present is, of course, worse than sending nothing at all, according to Humphreys. Go for something classically neutral, she says, then perhaps have it engraved. Clothes and jewellery have never been popular corporate Christmas

gifts in the UK. Meanwhile, it is never a good idea to give sharp objects, such as letter-openers, to clients from the Middle East, while the Japanese tend not to like fountain pens or cufflinks.

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### Law Report December 18 1996 Court of Appeal

### Circumstances vital to level of care required of rugby referee the ordinary incidents of a game of

Smoldon v Whitworth and Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill. Lord Chief Justice. Lord Justice Mummery and Sir Brian Neill

Judgment December 17 The level of care required of the football match towards a player was that appropriate in all the

circumstances, taking full account of the factual context in which he was exercising his functions as a responsibility to protect players' safety and to apply the rules of the game in force at the time, in particular, those designed to

minimise the acknowledged risk of serious spinal injury resulting Where, therefore, a referce failed to take appropriate steps under the rules to prevent scrum collapse so that the plaintiff suffered serious spinal injury the referee was liable for that foreseeable consequence of

his breach of duty. The Court of Appeal so held. dismissing an appeal by the sec-ond defendant. Michael Nolan, from Mr Justice Curtis (The Times April 23, 1996) who had made a finding of liability against him in respect of his refereeing of an under-19 coits match on October lg, jual, in which the plaintiff, Benjamin Smoldon, then aged 175 Sutton Coldfield Colts, was seriously injured when his neck was broken in a collapsing scrum during a match against the Burton

The plaintiff did not appeal

claim against the first defendant. Whitworth, a fellow

Mr Richard Davies, OC and Mr Neil Block for the referce; Mr Peter Andrews, QC and Mr Philip Lehain for the plaintiff.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that although earlier cases had explored the duty owed by one sporting participant to another (see Rootes v Shelton ([1968] ALR 33); Condon v Basi ([1985] 1 WLR 866) and Ellion v Saunders (un-reported, QB. June 10. 1994)) and that owed by a sporting participant to a speciator (for example Wooldridge v Sumner (1963) 2 QB 43) and Wilks v Cheltenham Homeguard Motor Cycle and Light Car Club ([1971] | WLR 668). there appeared to be no previous case in which a rugby football

The present case was of obvious importance to the plaintiff whose capacity for active and indepen-dent life had been blighted, but it feared that the judgment for the enmesh in unwelcome legal toils a game which gave pleasure to

player had sued a referee in

His Lordship referred to the context in which the issues arose: I That rugby football was a tough, highly physical game, not for the timid or the fragile, in which participants in serious competitive games could expect a fair share of knocks, bruises, strains, abrasions and minor bony injuries. 2 The laws of the game in force

by the International Rugby Foot-ball Board and their accompanying instructions and notes for the idance of players and referees, which contained special provisions for under-i9s.

His Londship set out the relevant laws applicable, in particular, to under 19s and relating to protection during scrummages and enforcement of safety measures. which were in place for the 1941-1992 season, specifically to protect young players against the risk of spinal injury caused by collapsed

He also referred to a further directive issued in March 1991 expressing concern at the contin-ued lack of observance of the phased sequence of engagement within law 20(2) and requiring the ment sequence, crouch-touch e-engage (CTPE).

3 The referee's function to super-vise the playing of the match, endeavouring to apply the rules of the game fairly and judiciously so as to ensure that the flow of play was not unnecessarily interrupt that points awarded were fairly scored and that foul or dangerous play was discouraged and, where appropriate, penalised or

His Lordship said that that function had often to be performed the context of a fast-moving, competitive and vigorous game, calling for split-second judgments

The referee could not be in all he could not hope to see everything

devotee of the game. On the question of the duty of

care owed to the plaintiff the referee, founding his pleaded de-fence on observations of Lord Justice Sellers and Lord Justice Diplock in Wooldridge v Summer (1903) 2 QB 43, 57, 67 and 69, had argued that while he owed a duty of care and skill, nothing short o reckless disregard of the plaintiff's safety would suffice to establish a hreach of that duty.

The judge had adopted the test proposed by the plaintiff in reliance on observations of Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, in Condon v Basi (at p868) that the duty owed was to exercise such degree of care as was appropriate in all the circumstances. In the judgment of the court the

accepted that he owed a dury so that there was no issue whether any duty of care arose at all or to the plaintiff.

The issue of policy, or of what was just and reasonable, did not accordingly fall for decision. The only question was what duty was plaintiff's test were accepted the low and those in the referee's position would be too vulnerable to suits by injured players. The court did not accept that fear

as well founded. The level of care required was that which was appropriate in all the circumstances and the circumstances were of crucial importance. Full account had to be taken of

could not be properly held liable for errors of judgment, oversight or lapses of which any referee might be guilty in the context of a fast-moving and vigorous contest. The threshold of hability was a high one. It would not easily be

There was no inconsistency be rween that conclusion and that reached by the Court of Appeal in the Wooldridge and Wilks cases. The position of a referee vis-a-vis the players was not the same as that of a participant in a contest vis é vis a spectator.

One of his responsibilities was to feguard the players' safety. So although the legal duty was the same, the practical content differed according to the quite different

The referee had submitted that the injury to the plaintiff had not been caused by him directly, but as the result of acts and omissions on the part of third parties, the other members of the scrum, and that he could not be held liable unless the court found that there was a high level of probability of injury of the kind which the laws were designed to prevent as a result of a scrum

The court rejected that submission. There could be no doubt that the scrummaging rules were designed to minimise the risk of spinal injuries caused in collaps ing scrums, that being a risk of which those managing or coaching rugby teams or refereeing or playing in matches were by Octo-ber 1991 well aware.

It was accepted that the referee

sequence of a scrum collapse and of failure to prevent such collapse. If the referee were properly

found to be in breach of his duty of care by failing to take appropriate steps to prevent a collapse and if as a result of his failure a scrum did a reson of his sanure a scrim out collapse and a player thereby suffered spiral injuries of a kind the rules were designed to prevent, then the referee would be liable in law for that foreseeable result of his breach of duty, despite the fact that, quantified statistically, it was a result which was very unlikely to

His Lordship, referring to the judge's findings, said that the judge had been satisfied by the evidence that the scrums were repeatedly coming together in a rushed way and with excessive force; that those impacts were the likely cause of a large majority of scrums collapsing and that the number of impact collapses had been abnormally high.

While declining to find precisely how many scrums collapsed in that way, he had accepted the body of responsible evidence at trial that there had been at least twenty

Referring to the evidence at trial. including that given by four wit-nesses whom the judge had found impressive and reliable, his Lord-ship said it had been their clear unshaken evidence that the referee had not during the match insisted on the CTPE sequence being followed and that it had not been followed. Of the three expert witnesses the judge had gained most help from

eree of spotting who was collapsing the scrum, but that recent law changes in 1991 had given referees of colts matches the power they needed to stop scrums collapsing and that the referee in such games was under an active duty to do so.

explained the difficulty for a ref-

In the expert's opinion the referee's responsibility was to en-sure the players did not injure themselves or others, having what he had called "a preventive man-de"; that if the CTPE sequence were properly applied with evenly matched scrums, as in the present case, he would not expect as many as five to six collapsed scrums, an that if there were 25 that would indicate that the referee's standard of refereeing was below an accept-

His Lordship referred to the judge's conclusions that the referee had not enforced the CTPE sequence: that he had, given the extent of collapsed scrums and in the light of his own expert's evidence, fallen below the standard of a reasonably competent referee in refereeing the scrumnages in that game

Alternatively to his main de-fence, the referee had pleaded the defence of volenti non lit injuria, that the plaintiff had consen the risk of injury of the type he had sustained by voluntarily playing as a member of the front row and/or participating in the practice of collapsing thereby also increasing the risk that the oppos-

The judge had rightly rejected that defence. In the court's judgment the plaintiff had consented to

rugby football of the kind in which was taking part. Given, however, that the rules were framed for the protection of

him and other players in the same position, he could not possibly be said to have consented to a breach of duty on the part of the official whose duty it was to apply the rules and ensure so far as possible

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that they were observed. If the plaintiff had been identified as the prime culprit in causing the collapse then that defence, and contributory negligence, might call for consideration. But that was not

The judge had emphasised that his judgment in the plaintiff's favour was reached on the very special facts of that case. He had not intended to open the door to a plethora of claims by players against referees and it would be tenlorable if that were the result. In the court's view, that result should not follow provided all concerned appreciated how diffi-cult it was for any plaintiff to establish that a referee failed to exercise such care and skill as was reasonably to be expected in the circumstances of a hotly contested game of rugby football

The court was caused to wonder whether it would not be beneficial general practice, to be insured not against negligence but against the risk of catastrophic injury.
That was no doubt a matter to

which those responsible for the administration of rugby football had given anxious attention.

The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Davies Arnold Coo-

### Resolving dispute on creditor's petition

Alipour v UOC Corporation Before Lord Justice McCowan. Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Lord Justice Hutchison

Budgment December 171 The Companies Court should not normally refuse to determine a dispute on a creditor's winding-up petition even where it related to the petitioner's locus standi, if the existence of the petition was nut likely to cause substantial damage

to the company.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Golam Reza Alipour from the order of Mr Justice Knox on May 21, 1996 whereby he dismissed a petition to wind up UOC Corpora-tion, an international business company, under section 124 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

The petition was a contributory's netition but the respondents. Fereshteh Ary and Alexander Schweininger, shareholders in UOC Corporation, disputed the tice Knox held that the dispute as to locus standi should be deteras a preliminary issue.

Mr Victor Joffe for the petitioner: Mr Roger Kaye, QC, for the

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIB-SON said that Mr Jusdee Knox had referred to In reJN2 Ltd ([1978] I WLR 183) which held that where there was a contributory's petition but the petitioner's status as a contributory was in dispute that dispute should be determined first before the petition was presented. His Lordship said that it had long been the practice of the Companies Court when faced with a creditor's petition based on a disputed debi to dismiss it, insisting that the dispute be determined outside the petition.

The reason was a pragmatic one. equipped to deal with the resolution of disputes of fact.

It was only a rule of practice and not one of law for the Companies dispute on the creditor petitioner's locus standi and that rule was (lexible especially when to go to another court would effectively deprive the petitioner of any ren edy: see In re Russian and English Bank (1932) 1 Ch 663; (1932) 48 Shipping Co SA (1981) Com LR

In In re JN2 Ltd it was said that oetitioner whose status as a contributory was in dispute should not be permitted to present a petition and thereby interfere with lispositions by the company of its assets and risk damaging the financial standing of the company.

It was submitted by the pe-titioner before their Lordships that that case, although right at the time it was decided, should no longer be followed. It was rightly pointed out, his Lordship said, that milicant procedural changes had occurred since 1977. The likelihood of damage being done to a company through the existence of such a petition was now very

it was hard to see why the Companies Court should now normally refuse to determine a dispute, even if it did relate to the petitioner's locus standi. if the existence of the petition was not likely to cause substantial damage or inconvenience to the company. However, their Lordships would not go so far as to say that the court could not take into account the factor that there was a genuine dispute as to the locus standi of the

There might be evidence of damage or inconvenience caused to the company through the continued existence of the petition and the circumstances might indicate that the appropriate course was to require the dispute to be determined outside the petition.

In light of the authorities as

affected by the current procedures of the Companies Court, the curpetition based on a disputed debi would normally be dismissed: (b) it would not be dismissed if the petitioning creditor had a good arguable case that he was a creditor and the effect of dismissal would be to deprive the petitioner of a remedy or otherwise injustice would result or for some other sufficient reason the petition should proceed; (c) on a contribu-tory's petition where the locus standi of the petitioner was disnuted, the court would consider all the circumstances, including the likelihood of damage to the com-pany if the petition was not dismissed, in determining whether to require the petitioner to seek the determination of the dispute out-

in the circumstances of the present case, the court being free to exercise its own discretion, the petition would not be dismissed twithstanding the dispute as to petitioner's locus standi but would be allowed to proceed so that the petitioner was not left without a remedy.

side the petition.

Solicitors: Palmer Cowen; Veale Wasbrough, Bristol

### Inducing unfair dismissal gives rise to no liability Corporation

Before Mr Justice Dyson Reasons November 191 The tort of inducing unfair dismissal did not exist.

Mr Justice Dyson so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment giving reasons why he had on November 12 refused leave to the plaintiff, Edwin John Wilson, to amend his statement of claim to add a new cause of action, namely an allegation that the Housing Corporation induced his former employer, Pierhead Housing Association, to

commit an unfair dismissat. In December 1987 Mr Wilson was summarily dismissed from his employment by Pierhead on the ground of alleged gross mis-conduct. In 1988 he brought proceedings for unfair dismissal in the industrial tribunal. His complaint was upheld and he was awarded compensation. In 1993 he instituted proceedings

against the Housing Corporation. By his statement of claim the claimed additional compensation from the corporation by way of damages at common law.

by threatening unlawfully to use its statutory powers unless Pierhead dismissed him; and (iii) committed the tort of misfeasance in public office by abusing its

On the second day of the trial he sought leave to add a fourth cause of action, namely an allegation of inducing Pierhead to commit an

Mr John Hendy, QC and Ms Beverley Lang for Mr Wilson, Mr Andrew Hochhauser and Mr Paul Stanley for the Housing MR JUSTICE DYSON said that

counsel were unable to find any previous authority on the question. statement of the law paragraph 23-22 in Clerk and Linsell on Torts (17th edition (1995)). He submitted that the essence of the cause of action was that the plaintiff had suffered the violation of a right at the hands of a third party which had been brought about by the knowing and deliberate acts of the defendant.

it was a necessary condition of liability on the part of the defendant that the plaintiff should have an enforceable right against the

tory duty should give rise to a cause of action and be actionable by the plaintiff against the third party in a court of law.

Mr Hochhauser accepted the breach of statutory duty. He submitted, however, that it was not every such inducement that was

In particular, he argued that the plaintiff had to show that the right that had been violated by the third party was a legal or equitable right which was capable of forming the basis of a cause of action, that is, capable of being sued upon as a tort: see Associated British Ports v TGWU [1989] ICR 557, 571B), although Lord Justice Neill was ere addressing the point to be

decided in the present case. the right not to be unfairly dismissed, created by what was now section 94 of the consolidating Employment Rights Act 1996, was not capable of being seed upon as a tort in a court of law; it could only be the subject of a complaint to an ndustrial pribural

The statute provided a complete code in respect of remedies for unfair dismissal. The exclusive iv of an en

complaint to an industrial tri-bunal. To recognise the existence of the tort of inducing unfair dismissal would upset the special remedies created by Parliament to

deal with unfair dismissal. First, it would require the court determine whether dismissal was unfair. In some cases, such as in the present, an industrial tri-burnal would already have ruled on that question; but the decision of the tribunal was not admissible to prove an unfair dismissal: see Hollington v Hewthorn (1943) KB 547) and Land Securities pic s Westminster City Council [1993] 1

Second, if the tort of inducing unfair dismissal existed, it could only be sued upon in the ordinary courts. Such a claim could not be presented to an industrial tribunal. since such tribunals were creatures of statute and had "no inherent, general or residual juris-diction": see per Mr Justice Mummery in Secretary of State for Employment v Mann (1996) ICR

.If it was open to the plaintiff to, sue the defendant in the ordinary unfair dismissal, then various

about an alleged unfair dismissal could be circumvented. In his Lordship's judgment, the

dismissal did not exist largely for the reasons given above. His Lordship noted that there was no authority requiring him to hold that the tort existed. Nor could he accept that principle obliged him to go down that route when authority did not point the way.

Part of the reasoning that led his Lordship to conclude that the tort of inducing unfair dismissal did not exist was that the only breach of statutory duty that could found a claim for inducing breach of statutory duty was one which was actionable in the courts.

That reasoning was not limited to claims for breach of the statutory duty not to be unfairly dismissed. It would equally apply to rule out as a cause of action the inducing of breaches of other statutory duties the breach of which could not give rise to actions in the courts. There were in any event reasons

peculiar to complaints of unfair dismissal that led to the conclusion dismissal did not exist.

### No damages over

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The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Henry and Lord Justice Aldous) so AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION - THE \*\*\* TIMES

£24,374.44 for personal injury and

LORD JUSTICE HENRY said that the recorder applied too low a threshold of the foreseeability test. The breach of contract in question was that the lift was immobile when it was needed. An immobile lift was a safe lift.

access and it was not unlikely that someone thus incommoded would walk up the stairs. The fact that that might make him marginally more likely to stumble did not make stumbling a foreseeable consequence of the breach of the duty to keep the lift in

Regina v Miah Regina v Akhbar It was a settled rule of long standing that an appellate court would not receive evidence from jurors about discussions or other atters that took place in the jury box or jury room concerning the cases in which they were acting. The burrier to the reception of such material was not to be found in the Contempt of Court Act 1981 but in a

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Kennedy, Mr Justice Johnson and Mr Justice Timothy Walker) so stated on December 9 in a reserved judgment dismissing the appeals of Badrul Hussain and Showkat Akhbar

evidence about jury ber 31, 1995 at the Central Criminal Court (Mrs Justice Steel and a juryl. Mish was convicted of conspiracy to inflict grievous bodily harm, violent disorder and

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murder; Akhbar was convicted of violent disorder. LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY, giving reasons for the court's refusal on November 8 to adjourn and order an investigation into allegations made in a document prepared by an alleged juror, said, that submissions made to their Lordships seemed to have been based upon the false proposition that the court should be prepared to consider any material the obtaining of which would not

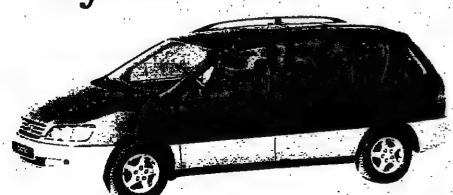
section 8(1) of the 1981 Act. However, the barrier to receiving the material was not to be found in that Act but in the long line of authorities, some of which set out in terms why the barrier

### Correction

had to be maintained: see Ellis v Deer (1922) 2 KB 113, 121).

in Armstrong and Others v British December 6) the firm of Thompson & Co. Sunderland, should be included among solicitors acting for the plaintiffs. British Coal went represented by Nabarro Nathanson, Sheffield.

### Win a £17,200 Toyota Picnic FFV



The Times offers readers the chance to win every family's dream car - the new Toyota Picnic Family Fun Vehicle which will be going on sale in the UK for the first time in January. The six-seater has been designed to make travelling with children a more comfortable experience.

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### broken lift

flats who suffered back injury as a result of walking up four flights of stairs because the lift was unavailable was not entitled to damages for breach of the landlord's duty to

held on November 20 when unani mously allowing an appeal by the defendant landlord, the London Borough of Hounslow, from a decision of Mr Recorder Atchley at Brentford County Court on July 11. 1995 to award the plaintiff. Bar-

But a lift was also a means of

### **Human Rights Law Report** Strasbourg Right not to incriminate oneself infringed

Saunders v United Kingdom (Case 43/1994/490/572)

Before R. Bernhardt, President and Judges Thor Vilhjälmsson. F. Golcüklü, L.-E. Pettiri. B. Walsh. A. Spielmann. J. De Meyer, N. Valticos, S. K. Martens, E. Palm. R. Pekkanen, A. N. Loizou, J. M. Morenilla, Sir John Freeland, L. Wildhaber, G. Milsud Bonnici, J. Makurczyk, D. Gotchev, B. Repik and P. Küris

Registrar H. Petzold Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney Judgment December 17

The use by the prosecution at the applicant's trial of statements given under legal compulsion dur-ing a statutory investigation into corporate fraud, infringed the applicant's right not to incrimina himself.

The European Court of Human Rights held by 16 votes to four that there had been a violation of article 6.1 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The Court de-clined to award the applicant compensation but awarded him £75,000 costs and expenses. Article 6 of the Convention

him, everyone is entitled to a fair ... hearing ... by an independent and impartial tribunal..." Mr Saunders was chief exec-utive officer of Guinness plc when the company bought Distillers plc in April 1986, following a takeover battle with the Argyll Group plc.

of ... any criminal charge against

In December 1986 inspectors appointed by the Department of Trade and Industry began an inquiry into allegations that during the takeover battle Guinness had artificially maintained or inflated its share price by means of

In the first six months of 1987 the

inspectors on nine occasions, on each of which he was accompanied by his legal advisors. He was required by law to answer the questions put to him. Failure to do so could lead to a

tion by a court that he was in contempt and the im-position of a line or a prison sentence of up to two years; see ections 432(2) and 436(3) of the Companies Act 1985. In January 1987, the DTI inspec-tors notified the secretary of state that they had found evidence of possible criminal offences. The transcripts and documents obtained as a result of the interviews

were passed on to the Crown Prosecution Service which sub-sequently made them available to potice. The police launched own investigations at the beginning of May. charged on 15 counts including eight counts of false accounting two counts of theft and several counts of conspiracy. He and his

the crown court in April 1989. At a preliminary stage of the proceedings in the crown court, the applicant requested that the eighth and ninth interviews contained in the DTI transcripts be ruled in-admissible. The court upheld his

At his trial the applicant denied any involvement in wrongdoing. The prosecution sought to prove the case against him by using the to the inspectors. At one stage in the trial the prosecution read out to the jury over a three-day period transcripts of interviews he had with the inspectors.

in August 1990, the crown court

counts in respect of conspiracy,

sentenced him to live years imprisorment in May 1991 the Court of Appeal rejected the appear on all but one count, but reduced the serm of imprisonment to two and a half years. In July 1991 the House of Lords refused leave to

On December 22, 1994 the secretary of state decided to refer the case of the applicant and his co-defendants back to the Court of Appeal in the light of new evidence. On November 27, 1995 the Court of Appeal again rejected the appeal and on December 6, 1995 refused to certify a point of law of general public importance for appeal to the House of Lords. The application was lodged with

the European Commission of Hu-man Rights on July 20, 1988. It was declared admissible on December In its report of May 10, 1994 on the merits of the application, the Commission expressed the opinion by 14 votes to one that there had

In its judgement the European Court of Human Rights held: I Alleged violation of article 6 A The right not to incriminate

The Court observed that the applicant's complaint was con-fined to the use made by the prosecution at the trial of the statements which the applicant had given to the inspectors under it was not called upon to consider the conduct of the admin-

istrative investigation by the

inspectors, which in any event

were not subject to the sparantees

of a judicial procedure contained

in article 6.1 of the Convention: see Fayed v United Kingdom (The

No 294-B, p47, paragraphs 66 and

The Court stressed that the right

not to incriminate oneself, like the right to silence, was a generally recognised international standard which lay at the heart of the notion The right, which had close links with the presumption of innocence contained in article 6.2, was primarily concerned with respect

will of the accused to airt silent. It did not extend to the use in criminal proceedings of material which might be obtained from the accused under legal compulsion but which had an existence insuch as breath, blood and urine samples and bodily tissue for the nurnose of DNA testing.

In the Court's opinion, whether or not the applicant's right not to incriminate himself had been undiably infringed in the circumstances of the case depended on the use made by the prosecution at the trial of the statements which he had been obliged to give to the inspectors on pain of sanction.

It was irrelevant that they may not have been self-incriminating The right not to incriminate oneself could not reasonably he confined to statements of admissions wrongdoing or to remarks which were directly incriminating since even neutral evidence migh he deployed in a way which provided the prosecution's case. As to the use made of the applicant's statements, the Court found that the prosecution had

manner in order to cast doubt or

his honesty and to establish his

support operation.

The Court noted that part of the transcript of his answers to the inspectors had been read out to the over a three-day period despite his objections.

Accordingly, there had been an infringement of the applicant's right not to incriminate himself,

and the public interst in combating fraud could not be invoked to justify the use of answers comrily obtained in a non-judicial gation to incriminate him at B Alleged misuse of powers by In the light of the above finding. the Court did not find it necess to examine the applicant's allega-

tions that the prosecuting authori-ties had deliberately delayed the

start of the police investigation to

enable the inspectors to gather evidence under their compulsory DOWETS C Condusin la conclusion, the Court held, Judges Valticos, Gölcüklü, Martens and Küris dissenting, that the applicant was deprived of a fair

aring in violation of article 6.1 of Ii Article 50 of the Convention The Court declined to make an award for the applicant's pecumiary loss, it noted that it could not speculate on the question whether the outcome of the trial would have been any different had use not been made of the statements by the prosecution, and its finding of a

breach of article 6 was not to be taken to suggest that. As to the applicant's claim for non-pecuinary damages, the Court considered that the finding of a violation constituted sufficient just

employed in an incriminating The Court awarded the applicant £75,000 to cover his costs involvement in the unlawful share and expenses in connection with the Strasbourg proceedings.









### GREECE

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Michael Knipe on the task facing Costas Simitis and his Government: to reform the poorest state in the European Union

# Improving economy brings fresh hope

gainst a backdrop of blockades and strikes by a wide spectrum of the workforce, the Greek parliament is this week debating budget proposals that are generally perceived as a vital test of whether the country can overcome its chronic economic problems and raise its head in the European Community.

Since regaining power in 1993, the Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) has made slow but marked progress in turning the economy around, inflation and

have been dropping, economic growth is increasing and trade has been booming with Eastern Europe and the neighbouring Balkan states. The Government knows that it is vital that these

trends continue if Greece is ever to academic manner and is regarded achieve its much desired goal of joining the European Monetary Union. But the positive develop-ments are overshadowed by the labour unrest. Groups ranging from farmworkers to diplomats are protesting at the austerity measures in the budget.

"Metaphorically," one diplomatic observer said, "Greece had moved from a red flashing light to a green flashing light so iar as its economy is concerned, but everything now depends on how the Government deals with the

The confrontation is a stern first test for Costas Simitis, who sucPapandreou as Prime Minister II

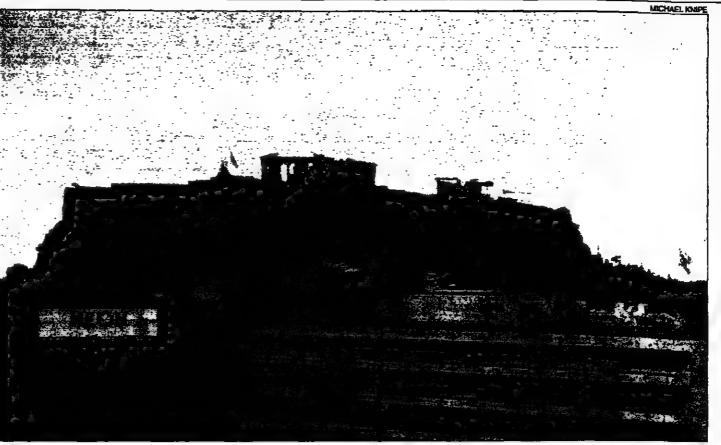
months ago. When Mr Simitis took over as Prime Minister, the ailing Mr Papandreou remained leader of Pasok and it was not until the party congress in June that Mr Simitis became party leader as well. To some international suprise, he consolidated his authority by leading Pasok to victory in a general election in September.

In sharp contrast to his charismatic predecessor, who won three landslide election victories with free spending pol-

icies. Mr Simitis **6** The economy comes from the moderate social democratic wing has moved from of the party and it was evident from his previous stint a red to a green as a minister that flashing light ? he favoured greater fiscal discipline. He has a dry,

> as a rather dull but worthy figure. His priority is to rescue Greece from its plight as the poorest and economically sickest state in the EU. But his continuing hold on the leadership is likely to depend on whether he can get people back to work without emasculating the budget and, at the same time, retain the support of the populous left-wing faction of his party.

"It is a very ambitious and quite draconian budget," said its author, Yannos Papantoniou, the Minister for National Economy and Finance, in an interview in his office, as the labour unrest gathered strength.



Seeing the light: the sun silhouettes the Parthenon, built in the 5th century BC, as one of 10,000 new developments rises from a building site

"For the first time we have adopted a severe stance on public expenditure, freezing subsidies, de-creasing recruitment of staff and introducing a new wages structure that limits increases. It is always difficult to implement a tough budget. But it is vital that we do so. We cannot sacrifice the country's economic recovery to the demands

His sentiments were echoed by Vasso Papandreou, a former EU Commissioner who is now Minister of Development in the Athens administration and responsible for expanding the Government's privatisation programme, speeding up the disbursement of EU grants and promoting domestic and foreign investment. She said: "We don't have any choice if we don't want to be left behind by our European

of a minority.

partners." Identification with the EU is a central tenet of Greek political thought. For years, as the poorest member of the union, the country has been on the receiving end of vast tranches of investment aid - running at an estimated \$2 billion a

Under the current six-year grant programme of almost 15 billion ecus, a total of 10,000 infrastructure projects are under way, including a number of large ones. These include a new Athens international airport, a bridge across the Corinth Gulf and the Egnatia highway linking the Adriatic with Istanbul.

Only now, as the Government attempts to impose the disciplines required for membership of the European monetary union (EMU), are the benefits of membership being matched by financial conse-

The country has so far failed to attain any of the criteria laid down at Maastricht for membership of the EMU and is the only member state excluded from the launch of EMU planned for 1999. But it is determined to join by the year 2001. Failure to do so might result in its membership having to wait until the further enlargement of the union with the arrival of Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic. said Mr Papantoniou - and that, he claimed, would effectively mean Greece losing the advantages of 20 years' membership.

Even amid the protest strikes, the Greeks remain fervent Europeans. Everybody assumes that the ecu will be better than the drachma," said Thanos Ve-

remis, director of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy. There was a fear among Greeks, he said, of drifting out of Europe. Greeks perceived them-

selves as being in a "bad neighbourhood" on the periphery and the only member state with no geographic border with the rest of the union. As a result, they saw membership very clearly in terms of European security. The costs of being in the EU are becoming apparent and this may rock the boat," he said, "but it will not capsize it."

"Unlike Britain, Greece actually wants to participate in the EMU," said Alexos Papadopoulos, the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration, "so all our policies

Mr Papadopoulos is charged with restructuring

are directed towards this main

the Government's **6** Unlike Great bloated administration and is in the process of at-Britain, Greece tempting to reduce the number wants to join of local government authorities the EMU 9 from 6,000 to 1,200. Under

another ambitious administrative reform, only one new public employee may be hired for every five who leave.

Miltiadis Evert, the leader of the opposition New Democratic Party. bemoans the fact that, during the past 15 years, the country's economy has increased by only half the EU average, "instead of closing the distance, we've increased it. What

### **ELGIN MARBLES**

THE GREEK Government is intensifying its longstanding efforts to repossess the Elgin marbles from the British Mu-seum. Evangelos Venizelos, the Minister of Culture, said he was encouraged by the British Government's action of returning the Stone of Scone to Scotland

He has put in a fresh request for the return of the marbles to the British ambassador in Athens and to the Heritage Ministry in London. If necessary, he intends to pursue the matter through political and legal procedures involving Unesco, the EU and the Council of Europe. The marbles, consisting of

friezes and figures from the Parthenon, were removed, and saved from probable destruction, by the seventh Earl of Elgin, in 1803, with permission from the local Ottoman administration and sold to the British Museum.

Dating from between 467 and 432 BC, the friezes and figures are regarded as the best surviving examples of the work of Phidias.

is needed is to increase free-market enterprise, not increase taxation." in the wake of the election, however, the New Democrats are in disarray and, in its latest socialdemocrat guise, Pasok has stolen

much of its appeal among the

business community. Both Government and Opposition politicians point to the fact that Greece has defence demands because of the perceived threat from neighbouring Turkey that no other EU state faces. "We have a problem of national security," says Mr Papadopoulos. "In the other European states defence spending amounts to 1.72 per cent of GNP, while for us the figure is 7 per cent. This is little understood by our European partners."

The most promising aspect on the horizon for Greece is its developing role as the EU's link with the neighbouring Balkan states as they emerge from their years of communism. Since 1990, exports to the other Balkan countries have increased by an estimated 150 per cent.

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# Tough budget riles unions

John Carr on how the Greek Finance
Minister is trying to cater to the needs
of his Socialist party yet still meet the
demands of the Maastricht criteria

"In Greece it is not enough to wind your watch. To get it to work, you must also push the hands round with your finger."

his Aristophanean dictum, attributed to ex-President Constantine Karamanlis, the architect of Greece's European Union membership, well describes the purpose of the country's 1997 budget. The next few years will see a determined effort to keep this resources-poor nation of ten million people on the road to a vision of Europe-wide wellbeing.

The Maastricht treaty has already begun to change the way the traditionally freewheeling Greeks live and work. But old Mediterranean habits die hard, and the Greeks have never liked fingers being applied to

Yannos Papantoniou, the National Economy Minister, has the unenviable task of trying to chart the Maastricht course. He has remained famously impervious to the threats of the rul-

ing Pasok party's left wing, and the unions it controls. Presenting next year's budget in November, he admitted it was the most controversial of the past 15 or so years. "It's a tough fight but a good fight," he said as the Greek General Confederation of Labour was dusting off the red flags for a one-day strike.

Is this a socialist government? The budget's outward rhetoric said so, but there the resemblance ends. Gross domestic product growth for next year is set at 3.3 per cent while inflation — now 8.3 per cent — is to be hammered down to 4.5 per cent. By some accounts, these are overoptimistic targets, and some business people are smirking. "We've heard it all before," a stockbroker in Athens said after the budget presentation. "Some of this looks unattainable."

Public-sector salary rises, a leading bloater of the state sector over the decades, will be kept down to 8 per cent next year, while pensioners will get rises of no more than 2 per cent. State revenue is expected to reach 14.8 trillion drachmas, against an expected 14.6 trillion for this year. Most of the rise is to be achieved by stashing tax benefits and raising at least a trillion more drachmas in direct tax revenue.

The dizzying rise of public spending is going to be slowed somewhat, with that for next year budgeted at 13.2 trillion drachmas, or 6.2 per cent over this year. The rise for this year over last was 15.1 per cent. Generally, the aim is for public-sector savings of up to 300 billion drachmas, and here is where the cynical smiles come in. "Revenue might show fatigue," is how a report on the Greek economic outlook published by a major American bank delicately puts it,

"and the Govern-

rective measures in the summer.

There seems little doubt that the Government will make a determined effort to whittle down its budget deficit to or near 4.2 per cent of gross domestic sit controls.

product (GDP), against the present

7.6 per cent.

The Maastricht convergence programme, designed to put the drachma in a position to drop neatly into the place reserved for it in the European single currency by 2001, provides for keeping the GDP growth rate well above 3 per cent and pumping the budget primary surplus up to 6.1 per cent (against 4.1 per cent now). That may be the

ore daunting are the Maastricht imperatives to keep on being ruthless with inflation (1999 target: 3.3 per cent), squeezing real short-term interest rates to 6.2 per cent from their present 12.5 per cent and tackling the massive 35 trillion drachma public debt, melting it from 110 per cent of GDP to 103 per cent.

It is a task that could tax even Mr Papantoniou's smiling powers.



Farmers in Larissa block the Athens highway in protest at the Government's austerity measures

### A blessing in disguise

market's fundamentals remain attractive for investors, with a

current price/earnings multiple

of only 10 times for 1997. The ASE

general index, which comprises

of 60 leading companies, has now recovered to above the 900

level and prospects remain bright

as long as structural and econom-

ing regulation, operation and

transparency. From the latter

part of 1995, the ASE, under the

presidency of Dr Manolis

Xanthakis, entered a process of

institutional changes, with the

aim of modernising the capital

market and attracting foreign investors. Dr Xanthakis has been

ic reforms are implemented.

The ASE's regulatory framework has been modified, improv-

ast month's collapse of Delta Securities, a small brokerage firm, prompted a share dealing scandal that rocked the Athens Stock Exchange (ASE), but it may have been a blessing in disguise for the Greek stock market.

Yannos Papantonion, the National Economy Minister, has said: "The Athens Stock Exchange will come out stronger from its recent crisis, which will be seen eventually as a crisis of cleansing and modernisation."

The ASE, founded in 1876, is

The ASE, founded in 1876, is the sole regulated capital market where shares of listed Greek companies and government and corporate bonds are traded. The exchange plans to bring Greece's active bond market, presently traded over-the-counter, to the bourse next year.

The Athens market is capitalised at \$24 billion and has

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instrumental in attracting muchneeded overseas investment with
successful investor roadshows in
London, Boston and New York

DT Xanthalds said: The Greek

Dr Xanthald said. The Greek market has huge potential, because it is among the cheapest markets on fundamentals as well as offering a very attractive dividend policy."

The ASE received a fillip from

last year's brokerage commission deregulation, reducing fees, while legal changes brought the market in line with EU directives concerning investment services and capital adequacy, as well as increasing transparency and liquidity. The market's development and transparency will be further boosted by a partial privatisation programme and the funding from the EU for a string of major infrastructure projects.

PHILIP PANGALOS

# Financiers battle against inflation

The Bank of Greece is helping to cool the economy's inbuilt tendency to overheat

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ast and wood-panelled, the office of the Governor of the Bank of Greece, Loukas Papadimos, is a quiet, comfortable place. He needs the quiet because his days are filled with brewing the proper policy mix which, after much trial and error, can reasonably be expected to cool down an economy with an inbuilt tendency to overheat

His own equable and soft-spoken character could also be a vital ingredient in getting a Socialist government to go along with his recommendations. "There are no fundamental differences between the bank and the Government on basic policy," he says. Which is his way of saying that even if the National Economy Ministry does have qualms from time to time about the central bank's relentlessly tight money policies, it knows it cannot offer anything better. Success in the battle

against inflation is Mr Papadimos's biggest showpiece.

showpiece.
In the past two
years, inflation
has been pressed
down from II.I per
cent to 7.7 per cent
fa consecutive rise
for a few months
last spring was
blamed on an un-

avoidable spurt in oil and farm produce prices). "Our priority is to work out a policy that will bring inflation down at least three percentage points through the year," he says. "If rates have to rise temporarily as a result, then it will be a price worth raying."

be a price worth paying."

Since 1994 the Bank of Greece has been officially independent of the Greek state. This means that its governor can no longer (theoretically) be subject to political pressures. It also indicates that the Government's target of 4.5 per cent inflation by the end of 1997 has a reasonable chance of being achieved.

Mr Papadimos's tenure is characterised by an emphasis on exchange-rate manipulation rather than money and credit controls to keep the drachma hard and ward off foreign speculative tentacles. Exporters and tour operators are unhappy, but the governor is sticking to his guns. A major

objective for 1996 has been to stabilise the drachma against a basket of European currencies.

But if quiet, confident conservatism reigns in the Bank of Greece,
the same cannot be said of the
commercial banking sector. For a
start, as of January 1997 commercial banks are going to have to start
paying more taxes. The basic
corporate tax on profits rises from
35 to 40 per cent while, for the first
time, they will be taxed on bonds
and derivatives profits at 7.5 per
cent. Some government officials
say it is high time.

say it is high time.

In the space of a year, banks have profited from sales of popular one-year treasury bills, 6 trillion drachmas worth of which were sold this year, against 5.8 trillion last year. Foreign exchange deposits in the same period soared from 4.7 trillion drachmas to 5.2 trillion. Loans to the private sector this year will total

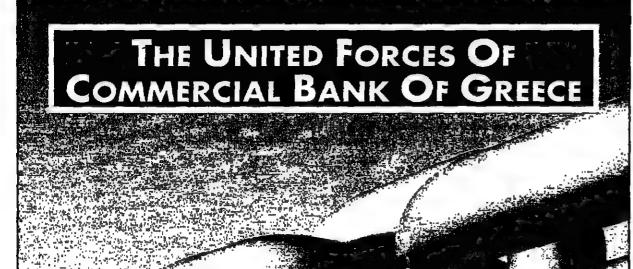
9.1 trillion drachmas, against 7.5 trillion last year. The 1997 projection is for 10.5 trillion. And in the space of a year, prime rates have followed deposit and interbank rates on a downward course, while consumer loan exposure has

skyrocketed. All these multiplying trillions have sharpened compettion beyond what was imaginable when Greek banking reforms got under way in 1987.

The architect of those reforms, former corporate lawyer Theodore Karatzas, is now the governor of the National Bank of Greece, the country's biggest commercial bank. He and other bankers believe that the state banking sector will consist eventually of two or three big banks, and an equal number of large private banks. Who survives will depend on innovations, such as the penetration of the emerging Balkan markets by such institutions as the Commercial Bank of Greece and Ionian Bank.

If anything, the realignments in the banking sector will hone the banks' efficiency, reduce costs and rates and help the national effort to cool down the economy.

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ominating the view from the Athens office of Giacinto Cicchese, the managing director of Telestet Hellas, a mobile phone network, is the headquarters of the Greek state Hellenic Telecommunications Organisation (OTE).

Mr Cicchese could permit himself a smile that the Italian-controlled company had left the lumbering state tele-phone company far behind. That is, until recently.

For in 1997 OTE is to strike back with its own cellphone service, a DCI800 mobile network. Potential partners have been shortlisted. Egged on by the European Commission which does not approve of the Greek mobile phone service duopoly (Telester's rival is a locally controlled firm, Panafon) — OTE is on the verge of starting up a cellular network that will cover mainland Greece and the islands.

On the face of it, there is room for expansion. By the end of the year both Telestet and Panafon will boast 460,000 subscribers between them - a 50 per cent rise in just six months. Five per cent of Greece's 10 million people have a cellphone. Panafon in which Vodafone has a 45 per cent stake — is in front by a

narrow margin. But just when both companies, having spent £600 million in four years, were about to start dreaming of profits, OTE had to step in and spoil the fun. "For a long time," Mr Ciochese says, "the Greek state telephone com-pany failed to realise what was

going on." Now the giant has awak-ened, both he and his rival, Socrates Kokkalis, are joining forces to challenge the challenger. The Greek Supreme Court has before it their argument that the original. 1992 mobile telephony licensing agreement gives them exclusive rights in Greece until 2000. Lawyers for the utility counter that OTE was unfairly excluded from the 1992 bidding and that its fixed-wire access charges have remained

unchanged in four years. and not just in Brussels. Its 120 billion drachmas project, for which Credit Suisse First Boston is an official adviser, is wooing potential partners such as France's Bouygues, Germany's Mannesman Europe and Britain's Orange.

The winner could be picked as early as this month. In technical terms, the DC1800 system has more than twice the capacity of the more con-ventional GSM systems which Panafon and Telestet operate. OTE's target is 40 per cent of. ext three years.



Costas Simitis, the Greek Prime Minister, was accused of mishandling the Imia affair

# Old Aegean foes

celebrate the coming new year, both will vividly recall that it is barely a year since President Clinton telephoned the leaders of both nations in a bid successful, as it turned out -to avert a war in the Aegean

between two Nato members. Whether Greek-Turkish tensions erupt again in the course of 1997 may depend not only on the progress of international arbitration over the contested Aegean islands at the heart of the dispute a year ago, but also on another of the many points of contention between the two quarrelling members of Nato's southern flank: Cyprus. Negotiations for Cyprus's

membership of the European Union are due to begin as soon as the inter governmental conference (IGC) on the revision of the Maastricht treaty is completed, which is likely to be by the end of 1997.

If Cypriot EU negotiations coincide with progress on resolving the bitter division of the island - with Sir David Hannay, Britain's special enRichard Owen reports on fresh

efforts to ease tensions over Cyprus

### **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

UN efforts - Greek-Turkish relations will ease as a

However, given the mutual mistrust between Athens and Ankara, tensions could also arise on a range of unresolved issues from territorial waters and air space to drilling rights in the Aegean. Greece's Medi-terranean policy - indeed, its overall foreign policy - is dominated by "the Turkish threat"

The 1996 "near war" revolved round joint claims to a tiny, rocky and barren island in the Dodecanese chain, called Imia in Greek and Kardak in Turkish. It took all the skills of Richard Holbrooke, the senior American diplomat who had brokered the Bosnian peace agreement, to calm the situation down.

Costas Simitis, then as now Greek Prime Minister, was accused of mishandling the affair, and in the ensuing row fired the then Greek chief of staff, Admiral Christos

For the Greeks, Imia, which is under four miles from the Turkish coast, was and remains an issue of principle. The 1923 Treaty of Lausanne gave Greece most of the east-ern Aegean islands except the Dodecanese. But they too passed to Greece (from defeated Italy) after the Second World War — although the Turks maintain that the wording of the 1947 agreement is

long with Cyprus, the simmering row over Imia - and a Athousand other tiny islands - has put the Greek-Turkish standoff near the top of the Western "problem solving" agenda after Bosnia. On

noted with relief that both Greece and Turkey have domestic preoccupations which, for the time being, are keeping the conflict off the boil. Turkey, in addition to the Kurdish question, is preoccupied with keeping intact the fragile coalition formed in June by Necmenin Erbakan, leader of the Islamic Welfare party.

Mr Simitis is keen to get a grip on Greece's rising defence costs and use the resources to help the Greek economy meet EU criteria instead.

Diplomats in the region hope that the desire of both Turkey and Cyprus for El. membership will provide a "European framework" for progress toward a bi-zonal and federated Cyprus, and that international crisis management will continue to keep the lid on tensions.

Recent history offers plenty scope for less optimistic forecasts, however. According to the UN, both Greece and Turkey are among the world's biggest importers of conventional weapons, and are building up their armed forces at a time when most Western nations are cutting back.

### Taxes could sink the fleet

one of the world's stock characters. Since the heady days of the Onassis and Niarchos empires, they have built up and maintained a maritime power that rests on some \$60 billion in combined assets, John Carr writes. Twenty-eight shipowners control more than i million tonnes of merchant

Most of those billions, and most of the hulls, have only a tenuous connection with Greece itself. The Greek flag is raised on only a third of their vessels; the rest are decorated with flags of

Now the Greek Government plans to impose a host of taxes on shipping and related activity as of January 1, 1997. The taxes, shipowners fear, might well drive masses of vessels away from the Greek flag and plunge the nowbustling port of Piracus — not to mention the Greek economy — into terminal decline.

The magnates are not wor in Pirateus or New York or London or Monte Carlo, they can still control their 3,200. ships (130 million tonnes, or one-sixth of the global merchant ficet).

But most shipowners would like to maintain more than a name-only connection with their homeland. Besides, the Greek-flag fleet of 29.5 million tonnes is almost exactly half the European Union total, which means Greece can steer European maritime policy. In October the EC decided that Europe's shipping estabTHE REPORT OF THE PERSON OF TH

fewer, incentives to growth. Which makes the Greek Goverroment's actions all the more

As of January, if all goes to plan, all tax exemptions on the buying and selling of vessels, transfers of ship equity in part or in whole, borrowing money from banks to buy ships and ship repair jobs are abolished.

Even before the tax change, low freight rates had slowed up a two-year shopping spree by the Greeks, who had been snapping up secondhand bulk carrier tomage to cash

in on a vigorous Far East trade. This autumn, overcapacity and high overheads fuelled a flight from the Greek flag. The Government's blow fails just at the wrong time.

For passenger ferry opera-tors, the future looks considerably rosler. Since war in former Yugoslavia choked off that country as a surface access route to Greece, truckers and motoring tourists alike have had to use the only alternative — the ferry route from Italy. Profits have come

Attica Enterprises, which operates two new cruise linerstandard ferries, apily named SuperFast I and SuperFast II, which do the Ancona-Patras route in a recordbreaking 20 hours. Attica has said it is spending \$200 mil-

Don for two more fast ferries. The competition is being sporred into action. Minoan Lines is spending \$110 million on a 31,000-tonne hot-rod of its own, to place alongside its new Aretousa and beat the 20hour record. If this keeps up, the Adriatic Sea could become a distinctly unsafe place on which to go sailboating.



The Greeks have built up a shipping empire worth \$60 billion in combined assets

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### From rusty ships to football pools and ice cream

ineteen years ago Constantine Kallent-zis, a ship broker based in the northern Greek port of Salonica, received a strange request. Albania, then deep in Stalinist isolation, wanted him to run its tiny fleet of merchant ships.

The regime was quite serious and genuinely seemed to want to learn how to do it." says Mr Kallentzis, who still manages the Albanian state merchant fleet — all of eight rusting bulls - as part of his Salonica business, Naftilos Maritime Limited.

For years he was one of the ew foreigners allowed into Albania (he declines to say why the Albanians picked him). In 1991, when communism was history. Naftilos set up a branch in Albania's capital, Tirana. The country's economy remains one step away from chaos. Maritime law does not exist. The ships themselves are falling apart. "We're spending all our money on repairs," says Mr Kallentzis, although he admits his company earns an undisclosed freight commission from Albania.

Mr Kallentzis say the hardest task of all is to inculcate a modern business mentality in the Albanians. After 19 years, he is nothing if not patient. You can't become a capitalist overnight," he says. Greek economic penetration of the

Balkans thus far has required precisely that attitude. Spearheading the pack is Intracom, an electronics and telecoms equipment conglom-

hundreds of millions of dollars into Balkan ventures from lottery and football pool systems to cardphones. This year Intracom signed a \$40 million deal with the Bulgarian Government to computerise its state sports lottery in return

for 5 per cent of the revenues. Headed by Socrates Kokkalis, one of the most influential people in Greece, his unassuming manner and love of football (he owns Olympiakos) plays well in Eastern Europe. Building on the profits from state lotteries in Romania. Moldova and Russia, plus a 68 per cent stake in Bullon, a Bulgarian telecoms firm supplying cardphones. Intracom is pushing its line forward. Last month it signed a \$10 million contract with HTC, the Hungarian telecommunica-

tions organisation. "You really don't have to my too hard in the Balkan markets," is how an executive of Hellenic Bottling Company sums up the very open market The company handles the Coca-Cola franchise in Bulgaria and Romania

elta Dairy SA, a big milk, yoghuri and ice cream producer, has built an ice cream factory in Varna, Bulgaria, and says it knows the secret of survival in a risky environment. "The return on investment should not be demanded back immediately," a company statement says. "Profits must be ploughed back for a couple of

JOHN CARR



In 1995 the Greek acronous entered into an era of economic recovery. Close adherence to the Convergence Programme brought down inflation rate to single digit for the first time since 1973, while GDP increased by more than 2% which is above the target of the Convergence Programme, Likewise, interest rates on 1 year Treasury Bills decreased by approximately 3.3 percentage points since the end of 1994 and by almost 4 percentage points on an average basis. Private investment activity, which increased by 7% was complemented by a strong rise in public investment by 20%. The increase in private investment contributed to the worsening of the balance on current account. However, in the long run, the development of new infrastructure projects. will increase employment and output.

The overall improvement in macroeconomic figures led to an upsurge of the Greck capital market. Equaties market capitalisation at the end of 1995 equaled approximately GRD 4 trillion, thus showing an increase of 23% at against the end of 1994, while the ASE General Price Index increased by 5.2% during the year, as opposed to a 9.3% decrease during 1994. Equities turnover increased by 11.3% over the year. Capital raised by IPOs in 1995 decreased by 75% since 1994 but the variety of companies being listed was reinforced. The P/E ratio equaled 9 at the end of 1995. The overall performance of all listed stocks, as defined by their daily price changes adjusted for dividend psymens, improved in 1995, and the majority of stocks exhibited positive

returns. Thus, in 1995, shares in the main and the parallel marker showed a 🚨

sector most likely to outperform the General Price benefit from the implementation of major infrastructure projects faranced by the E.U. Furthermore, the majority of listed companies will be influenced by the harmonisation and expansion of trade in the Balkin area, since as mentioned by the •Emerging Markets Analysto: •...the Greek

winner of the new Balkan peace agreements.

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Michael Knipe meets the Mayor of Athens, who is helping it to recapture the glory of Greece

# My dream is to bring home the Olympics

million — nearly half the popula-

giant crane is situated in the centre of the temple of the Parthenon atop the Acropolis and another in ntagma Square, where the view of the elegant 19th-century Greek parliament is blocked by construc-

tion-work hoardings.

Amid the sprawling concrete apartment blocks of central Athens, the neoclassical delights of the Academy of Science, Athens University and the National Library buildings are similarly afflicted, with the surrounding pavements dug up and the pneumatic drills competing with the traffic noise.

The immediate cause of most of the construction work is the extensive excavations being carried out to implant a modern El.25 billion three-line metro system. This has created more than 50 under-

ground excavation sites across the city. The metro project is the primary element in a substantial programme of renovation aimed both at modernising Athens, recapturing some thing of the glory of its past, and reinforcing its efforts to host the Olympic Games in

For years the city has been synonymous with the worst symptoms of urban decline: toxic smog. traffic jams, overcrowding and incompetent administration. This was brought home to the world when it became evident that the monumental marble pillars of the Parthenon, having survived for 2,500 years, were crumbling away like sandstone because of the ravages of the 20th century.

The European Union declared Athens the most polluted city on the Continent. In a desperate attempt to alleviate the smog and congestion, cars have been banned, according to their registration on odd or even days. Last summer, temperatures of 102F forced the banning of all private cars and half of the taxis from the city centre. With a population that has

tion of Greece - Athens also has to cope with eight million visitors a stretched beyond its limits.

But a new mood is emanating from the recently refurbished City Hall. Dimitris Avramopoulos, the Mayor of Athens, says: "There are a lot of changes under way. The first phase of the metro project will be ready for use next November and will serve half a million people a day. When it is completed it will have the effect of removing 400,000

Athens, at present, is a huge workshop but even in a year's time a lot of things will be different. Already pollution has been reduced by 30 per cent."

This had been done, says the

### INFRASTRUCTURE

6 Should we win it will be a fitting testament to the renaissance of our city 9

mayor, by the introduction of bylaws pedestrianising a triangular section of the city centre between Syntagma and Omonia squares and the ancient Agora quarter, forcing the worst old cars and buses off the streets and closing down big industrial projects situated in the centre of the city. "I hope that by the end of the century, Athens will be one of the cleanest cities in Europe," he says.

The mayor, a suave and vigorous 43-year-old former diplomat and member of parliament for the conservative New Democracy Party, has, in the first two years of his four year term as mayor, brought a dynamic style of leadership to municipal affairs.

Nothing illustrates this better than his decision to move his municipal office out of the drab years, and back into the original Athens city hall, an elegant neoclassical edifice which, during that time, had been left virtually dere-lict. At his direction the old municipal building, inaugurated in 1874.

Visitors are greeted by a bust of Pericles on the landing of a great staircase. Oak doors, 15-feet high, dominate the palatial reception rooms. Ancient Greek and Macedonian motifs are everywhere. Two backlit glass cabinets house miniature effigies of all past mayors, meticulously costumed and startlingly life-like, in a miniature Madame Tussaud's.

The city flag - also an Avramopoulos concept - features a central profile of Athene. the goddess of wisdom. "The refurbishment of the city hall symbolises our determination to return Athens to its former glory," says Mr Avramopoulos. "Our first objective is to enhance the city's sense of its own identity, to reinforce its significance on the consciousness of its citizens. The future of this city is still its past, so we must

protect our heritage "Athens should be a symbol for the whole world - for all the people who share the values that were born here. It is not the political capital of Europe, neither is it the cultural capital, but it is the historical capital."

strong city council, in which the New Democracy councillors enjoy a majority of ten, and operates with an annual budget of 107 billion drachma. Under the Government's austerity programme, he says, the Athens council cannot obtain any more funding from the central administration but it has been given the right to impose local

The first taxes it is imposing are





The Mayor of Athens: "The future of this city is still its past"

10 billion drachmas on the buildings in the city being used by the central administration. "The Government is shocked," the mayor says with a smile of triumph."

He maintains that the city, whose bid to host the games in 1996 failed, has a realistic prospect of hosting the 2004 Olympics. "Athens, this time, is ready," he says. "The Olympics infrastructure is 80 per cent complete. The new metro will be capable of carrying 780,000

people a day, a new international airport with an annual capacity of 16 million passengers is due for completion in the year 2000 and comprehensive improvements to

the road network will be finished." Athens is also, he claims, the Continent's least violent capital with the lowest rate of drug use. "There is a passion behind our bid to stage the Olympics. Should we win it will be a fitting testament to

### Unearthing a city below the pavements

Train tunnels have revealed ancient treasures, Helen latrou reports

ncient and modern ver-sions of Athens have posed to each other through one of Europe's largest current construction projects — the development of the Greek capital's underground metro network.

Two giant excavators, known as the Metro Mice, are tunnelas the Metro Mice, are tunnel-ling a solution to Athens's suffocating transportation prob-lem and have, in the process, uncovered a goldmine of archae-ological finds. They date from Neolithic times, via the 2,500-year-old age of Pericles to the lath-century Byrantine period. 14th-century Byzantine period.

Trapped for centuries under layers of rubble, the finds — 2,000 in all - are to be displayed not only in museums but also in their new setting alongside passengers' platforms, providing a novel feature compared to most other European

THE HE WAS The metro's construction has proved to be the 6 Metro Mice biggest archaeo-logical excavauncover a goldmine ? ana Parlama, head of the 40 archaeologists

supervising the finds. "Some amazing discoveries have been made, though damages have also, inevitably, been registered in the drive to complete the network."

Contractors say that, due to the difficulties posed in digging up a relic-rich city like Athens, an additional Dr 100 billion (£260 million) is required. Metro employees are back on the job but the two Metro Mice are taking a break until early next year while the parties concerned and the Government meet this month to find a solution to these technical problems.

Among the most important discoveries of the dig, which is 90 per cent complete, has been a marble column engraved with the names of 21 Athenian riders, and their tribe, killed during the 5BC Peloponnesian Wars. One of the most ancient finds is an Uth-century BC grave of the

post-Mycenaean era, found just under Athens's Syntagma

The rarest find is a 5th-century BC bronze head of a semi-lifesize statue, found embedded in a wall underneath the National Gardens.

The most unusual discovery is a well-preserved grave of a small hunting dog, which included the owners' belongings and nails from the dog's leather collar. The most expansive finds were made at the Kerameikos station. They feature about 1,000 ancient graves, spread over one acre square, with a rich collection of artefacts covering ten centuries from the 7th century BC to the 3rd century AD.

What Mrs Parlama describes as "the greatest find" were sprawling Roman public baths of the 3rd century AD, 157 metres long. Their existence

was unknown to archaeologists, even though they were found only asphalt on busy Amalias Avenue near the Tomb of the Unknown

What the archaeologist described as a "very pleasant surprise" was the discovery of a 100metre ancient roadway, totally

clude post-Roman luxufrescoes, already moved to the Byzantine Museum; workshop installations of the 4th and 5th centuries BC with foundries for the production of copper statues; remains of Emperor Adrian's aqueduct, water supplies and drainage networks and other infrastructural evidence.

All together, Mrs Parlama says, the discoveries now allow the experts to put together a much clearer picture of ancient Athens. She says it renders imperative the construction of a Museum of Athens which, astonishingly, it does not already

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# ATHENS METRO

One of the major infrastructure projects and particularly the most complex under construction in Europe nowadays, is the Athens Metro project.

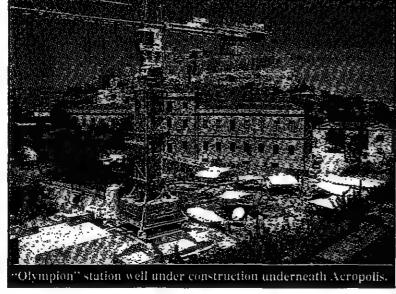
Athens, since 1869, already had a suburban connection of the City with Piraeus - the main Greek port. This line developed in a metro line of 26km length. The major decision was to construct two new metro lines, fully underground, with three connection points with the existing line.

In June 1991, following an international tender, the Greek state signed a lumpsum price turnkey contract with Olympic Metro, a consortium of 22 companies from France, Germany and Greece, led by Siemens and Interinfra SA.

ATTIKO METRO S.A., a new company, was charged with the management of the project and the operation of the system after completion. The staff of this company consists of international mass transit experts from Bechtel International Inc., providing technical and project management support, who work jointly with experienced Greek

The new Metro lines, 18km with 21 stations radiate in four directions from Syntagma Square - the most central point of the city. The new Metro lines will operate within 1999 and will serve approximately 450,000 passengers daily, in addition to the 300,000 passengers currently being served by the existing line. The train intervals in peak hours will be 3 minutes and the entire system will be accessible to persons with special needs.

The total budget for the main project amounts to 2 billion ECU. The European Union and the European Investment Bank are financing up to 90% of the project through grants and loans respectively, while the remaining funds are being provided by the Greek state. This funding pattern



provides guarantees to ensure the necessary sources through the completion of the project. Today 3400 workers employed

in more than 50 locations throughout the city are realizing this enormous project on a dayto-day basis. To date, tunnelling operations have completed almost 10km of tunnels, while all 21 new stations are well under construction with works concentrated on architectural finishes and electromechanical installations. The majority of the archeological excavations that preceded the main construction works and covered a vast area of 70,000sq.m. revealing archeological finds 30 centuries old, have been almost completed. Plans have been made for some of these artifacts to be exhibited in mini-museums at selected stations of the new Metro lines. Overall, more than 50% of the project is complete and all time schedules seem to get close dayby-day to the operation date in

Any assessment of this project's value should look beyond numbers of users, to the other long-term benefits it will bring to the metropoilitan areas. The

be upgraded and the city will become more attractive for tourists and business visitors. But the most significant contribution of this project will be to the environment, since it is anticipated that a drastic reduction in daily automobile trips will occur, which inevitably will decrease air pollution. Moreover, Metro users will realize a time saving of over 50%, compared to making trips with other modes transportation.

Unlike the past, Athens of today is determined to build a better future for the generations to come and in this future the Metro project may very well be a part of the gateway for the modern Greece of the 21st century.



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### **TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORGANISATION S.A.**



OTE is the telecommunication operator in Greece with a monopoly to provide fixed telephony until the year 2003. In 1995 its income before tax was 830 million dollars and in 1996 as estimated, the net income before tax will be more

Its total revenues constitute some 2.5 percent of Greece's national GDP and it is the most profitable company in the

The remarkable organization is now changing from its base as a telecommunications monopoly into a modern, competitive company, determined to expand its markets and realize the strong potential of its position.

Its mission is to consolidate that position as the dominant telecommunications company in Greece, so that long before the year 2000 - when its domestic monopoly ends - it has a commanding lead, in not just voice telephony but also in the complete range of wireless data and other emerging telecommunication services.

This year alone OTE plans capital expenditure of 1.1 billion dollars. Over the next five years it has plans to spend more than 3.9 billion dollars on exchanges, networks and internation projects. This investment will bring benefits throughout its operations.

OTE's capital expenditure will be financed by three sources. Firstly, it has strong cash flow. Given its projected rate of increase in revenues OTE expects future cash flow to be sufficient for funding both its operations and its investment

Secondly, the equity offering has partially financed its 1996

Finally, a significant proportion of its capital expenditure will be increased by European Union subsidies or by joint ventures with strategic partners.

OTE's ambitious investment programme is reflected in the additional debt it has been incurring over the last few years. Though its net debt to equity ratio rose until 1995, the equity offering has returned leverage ratios to below those of 1992. OTE's balance street is very strong.

OTE has a significant potential for revenue growth. Operating costs should grow moderately and its capital expenditure should be largely financed through its cash flow. That means it expects to see strong bottom-line growth. Net income is expected to grow by a compound annual rate in double digits over the next five years. This is a health

OTE has seen both revenues and profits grow significantly Its revenues has grown at an annual compound rate of 8% in real terms, rising from 211 billion drachmas (\$879 million) in 1990 to 593 billion drachmas (\$2.5 billion).

In order to increase further its revenues, OTE is implementing a substantial capital expenditure programme to modernize its network, in an investment that enables the company to bring real, tangible benefits to its revenue

Digitalizing its network also enables OTE to time-charge local calls and increase revenues by charging the full duration of each call. By the year 2000 the company should reach 80% digitalization of the entire country, so it will be doubling its revenues from this untapped market.

OTE's network is becoming more and more sophisticated and is able to introduce new value-added services such as voice mail, call-redirection and call waiting. Finally, by increasing the number of completed calls in this

way OTE can further boost revenue from its fixed telephone

The company is already seeing a positive change in its revenue mix income from new services, which provide higher margins, is taking a greater share of its total revenues. Its operating income rose by 15% and its net income also rose by 11% each year.

Its margins have been rising in the last few years. The operating margin rose from 27% in 1992 to 40% in 1995. In the same period its net margin rose from 16% to 24%. These figures reflect OTE's ability to rapidly adapt to more modern operating conditions, with a steadily improving network, a siness-minded management team and a rationalized work

It also has considerable flexibility to rebalance tariffs. Time charging for local calls is realizing untapped revenues in its basic telephony business. It is introducing new value-added services and it looks forward to the increasing traffic generated by PCN, paging and and its expanding international services. OTE's forecasts suggest that its revenues will continue to grow at a double-digit rate. In the field of operating costs OTE has seen annual growth,

in real terms of 4% during the past five years. As it grows OTE is focusing on operating more efficiently and controlling labour costs and has a strategy for rationalizing staff levels. At the same time it is realizing

efficiencies by restructuring its organization. There will be an increase in its sales and marketing workforce, particularly in view of enhanced focus on the customer. On balance, though, it expects staff costs will

The increased productivity becomes most obvious when viewed on a 'line per employee' basis. OTE's current ratio of 210 lines per employee is so good that it ranks 5th amongst European telecommunication companies. And it will get better. By 2000 the company expects the figure to

The company is determined to take advantage of the remarkable opportunity it faces today and to focus on the its activities within the domestic Greek market, which forms the heart of its operations.

Its market share is expected to increase steadily in the coming years. In this way its investment programme will deliver real benefits to its business in terms of increasing both revenues and customer satisfaction.

To achieve its goal of creating a competitive company culture, OTE has segmented its customer base. Each segment has distinct service requirements and revenueproducing potential.

To serve them, the company has established distinct channels dedicated to understanding their specific needs. During the past year OTE has successfully established a

major accounts management team and is currently upgrading its nation-wide chain of tele-shops. To support these sales channels, OTE has developed a portfolio of products and services which can be tailored to

the segment they serve and be provided to residential customers with basic telephone lines as value added services, which widen the company's offerings to the customer and aid its move into the mobile telephony market. Greece is an exciting country with an emerging economy. Telecommunications is one of the world's most dynamic industries. In OTE these opportunities go hand in hand...

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THEATRE 1

Jessica Lange prepares for her West End debut in the 'inexhaustible' role of Blanche DuBois



THEATRE 2

. while, on Broadway, Joel Grey wows the crowds in the Kander and Ebb musical Chicago THE



THEATRE 3 A miniature Sondheim musical, Marry Me A Little,

comes to the

London fringe



TOMORROW

Has Alan Parker succeeded in turning Evita into a great film? Read Geoff Brown's view

THEATRE: A double Oscar winner hits the West End in a modern classic; plus reviews from New York and London

# Looking for the right home in Tennessee

ew theatrical debuts in recent years seemed as brave as that by Jessica Lange on Broadway in 992. In a season in which movie tars were returning to the stage en nasse - Glenn Close, Gene Hacknan and Richard Dreyfuss in Death and the Maiden, Alan Alda en Neil Simon's Jake's Women ange was making her New York rofessional stage debut as Blanche "DuBois in Tennessee Williams's A illitreetcar Named Desire, Not bad or someone whose theatrical CV in p to then consisted of early work whiring her expatriate period in rance and a summer stock proluction in North Carolina of an riginal play whose name she no onger remembers.

 Fourteen years as partner to the pre-eminent American dramatist sam Shepard, however, presumably counts for something: alhough Lange says the couple do not talk theatre — our lives are so illed up with children and other hings that that kind of stuff within he home takes precedence" -- she learly recognises quality when she inds it. (Lange has three children, wo by Shepard and an older laughter by her previous companon, Mikhail Baryshnikov.)

In the event, director Gregory Mosher's Streetcar revival, with Alec Baldwin as Blanche's destroyr, Stanley, did near-capacity business for six months. On the strength of those names, Amy Madigan's Stella included, how could it not? It was bolstered by a ·Tony Award nomination for Bal- dwin and a steamy ad campaign oromising an evening of sweaty sex that Williams's tragedy is hardly about. But along with the crowds ame a cache of disappointed (and come damning) reviews alongside of unfinished business.

That is why the two-time Oscarwinner, now 47, accepted Peter Hall's offer to tackle the part anew in the West End, having followed e Broadway run with a separate

Will London prove a happier hunting ground for Jessica Lange in her third shot at Blanche DuBois? Matt Wolf reports

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CBS television version that again leatured Baldwin (with Diane Lane and John Goodman as Stella and Mitch). At a point when most performers would have filed away their reviews and moved on, Lange is preparing a third Blanche, suggesting in the process a devotion to the role comparable on this side of the Atlantic to Kenneth Branagh's pursuit of Hamlet. This character is pretty inex-

of the discovery of Blanche. I just knew with a different cast [Toby Stephens and imogen Stubbs as Stanley and Stella and a different director, it

was going to have a whole separate life from the other two i. had done before, and it does: I. haven't given one thought to the run we did in New

Lange is not keen to dwell on the Broadway engagement. What soured me about that experience was that it wasn't the right combi-nation, and had I been more experienced, I would have understood it wasn't right." But she defends a decision about which "I suppose you could say I was foolhardy, but I never thought of it like that. Blanche was a part J really loved and thought I could play and bring something to, and I felt that if I was going to do theatre, f wanted to do something meant something to me."

The headlines about movie stars invading Broadway no doubt had their own damaging effect. "I think that worked against all of us. It's

and you see a provincial snobbery. based on nothing — that's how I feel about the New York theatre world: they have this pretentious snobbery when, I mean, I can barely sit through most Broadway plays. But they're commercial. It's the same thing with films — they're commercial but they're nothing I can sit through and they make \$150

The bottom line is I think I'm haustible, Lange says. I never tire just out of the loop. What I like, of the discovery of other people don't

> people flock to, I find unbearable." in any case, Lange became a film star more by circumstance than conscious choice, and is quick to forestall any idea that theatre is something to which she might be seen to be condescending. "It wasn't that,

back in acting class in the 1970s, I said to myself, well, I'm going to do movies. I'm not going to do theatre," says the actress, who began her screen career in King Kong's furry paw before establishing her heavyweight credentials in 1982 with back-to-back performances in Tootsie and Frances, the latter of which introduced her to co-

Lange says: You kind of get taken along the path destined for you. I started getting film roles, and it just became more and more that. It was never a decision that I wanted to be a film actor as opposed to a theatre actor; it was just the work that came my way." The problem, of course, is that once launched, screen careers have to be

the wish of the numerous business interests that surround you.

The first time I did Blanch nobody wanted me to do it; the second time," Lange laughs, "no-body really wanted me to do it. But nobody has ever made decisions for me. I've been influenced sometimes against my better judgment to do something I felt strongly I shouldn't do. I let myself get talked into it because of those very reasons - it's commercial, it's money -

She praises the "much healthier attitude to acting in Britain. In America, because of the money involved and because of the machinery of Hollywood, it is really an unhealthy environment for actors, The rewards are actually very destructive because they are so out of proportion to the talent and it is all extremely seductive. If people are going to get \$15 or \$20 million to do some bad part in some bad movie, they're going to take that instead of making a couple of hundred dollars a week rehearsing a play; it has to do with the integrity of the individuals."

Beyond Blanche, Lange cites the Princess in Sweet Bird of Youth and O'Neili's Mary Tyrone as roles she would like to do on stage, though she turned down a chance at Chekhov's Three Sisters, claim-ing she was too old to play any of them. Theatre work with Shepard remains an unfulfilled hope: "If there were ever a part [for me] in his plays, I would do it, and I would love to be directed by Sam on stage.

"I know the work I did on stage in New York was good, and I also know when I've been lazy. With a part like Blanche, you can only be honest with it. I can't create a performance; it either feels true or it doesn't, and this is such an emo tional part, it has always felt true to me when I've done it.'

preview from tomorrow and opens on December 30 at the Theatre Royal,



### Side by asides by Sondheim

Sondheim musical is curious. Craig Lucas, an actor in the original chorus of Sweeney Todd, heard that a number of the composer's songs languished in a musical limbo. either because they had been dropped from shows on the bumpy route to Broadway or because they belonged to shows that had never finished

the journey. Lucas, with the late Norman Rene as director, assembled some of these escapees into an order suggesting a story line and cast it for a man and a woman, in two New York apartments, asking, in the words of the opening song: What can you do with a Saturday night, if you're

what you can do, of course, is dream: and in a musical sing your dreams; which is what Clive Carter and Rebecca Front proceed to do, with

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the numbers as could be counted on a single hand.

and then provoked by a song that awkwardly alters the mood, the construction works remarkably well, helped by a staging device familiar from the Ayckbourn oeuvre which shows the two apartments as one. Carter and Front therefore open the same fridge, sit on the same creamy sofa, switch channels on the same television set -- but in different parts of town.

One of Sondheim's notable

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Until just towards the end. rhetorical question depending

gifts, possibly unique to him, is an ability to show the thoughts of his characters changing as they sing. They they have just sung. Don't, they imply, take me quite as seriously as you and I thought

I was being. If all this were not Marry Me being sung you would say they Bridewell, EC4

> and hawing. So there the two of them are, single on a Saturday night, wishing they were not. Along with her careful smile, Front's evebrows tilt up at the middle. giving her a brave, tough-itout expression. She sings the title song, dropped from Company but now (apparently because of this show) back in that score. She also sings one of the few roaring numbers, Can That Boy Foxtrot!, a

for its full effect on the American broadening of the fourth syllable.

Carter also shows physically the emotions of the reluctant solitary — the restlessness, the outbursts of tart wit - and both sing with clarity and charm. When Front reaches the closing phrase of There Won't Be Trumpets she finds a note as pure and faint as a silver trumpet on the very

edge of hearing.
Clive Paget directs on the admirable flexible stage of this theatre and Rowland Lee accompanies on the piano.

JEREMY KINGSTON

### Beyond the cringe

1F YOU go to the Café Royal for Joey and Gind's Wedding, do not expect a Café Royal wedding. Although invitation prices start at £36.50, the food is derisory, the drink is extra and the celebrations take place not in the classy West End but at "Frankie's Castle" - resolutely in the East End. All weddings have a per-

formative power - enough to turn the simple words "I do" into the profoundest of actions — so why not marry this to a piece of theatre? The audience become guests, while the cast act as the ghastly families and hosts. The drama should be there on a (paper) plate.

Unfortunately, by caricaturing everything that can go wrong, writer Jay Leggett has robbed the rite of its potent mix of solemnity and social comedy. As we all know, with a congregation on emotional alert, the subtlest lapses always loom large; but to travesty the entire proceedings dissipates the intensity and looks like a failure to observe what really goes on. The drunken Irish priest's

bomily on the miseries of married life is familiarly excruciating, as is the breaking out of longstanding fends within the social-climbing family of the bride (Ilaria D'Elia) and the Chicago-Italian family of the groom (Glenn Wrage). But these could have been done with a little more surreptitions truth. We should be watching from

Joey & Gina's Wedding Café Royal

ous wellwishers are little bet-

imaginative vamping.

the corners of our eyes, not

from the front stalls. The tuneless songs of vari-

ter than karaoke humour, and the jealousies and fights become irritating interruptions. Even the best man's speech is squandered, when it should have been a chance to create a context, add some needed depth of character and tell some proper jokes. The best entertainment is the honest showmanship of Frankie, the impresario and Elvis imitator (James Doherty), and the juggling of Milos (Mat Ricardo). Audience involvement is

limited to the occasional bokey-cokey. The cast do buttonhole the guests — and the admirably underdressed Angelica Leigh (Hannah Waddingham) does rather more – but their gambits are mostly bectoring. With tableau relentlessly following tableau, there is little scope for

The show is designed as the perfect office-party cringebinge, where nobody can avoid participating and even Miss Mullet from accounts would feel a spoilsport to

f you judge by the box-office takings, and nothing else, Broadway is in terrific shape. In a single recent week these amounted to a record £8 million. But if you inspect the figures closely you find that almost all the money was made by a dozen or so mega-musicals, plus the conjuror David Copperfield, who Ebb's courtroom musical, Chicago

somehow magicked an astounding £800,000 to the Martin Beck Theatre, Moreover, nothing much has arrived since the season's start in September bar a couple of British imports (Skylight. Taking Sides), a disappointing American production of Noël Coward's Present Laughter, and a revival of the musical

Weil, at least Chicago has qualities seldom found on the Great White Way these days: class, style, wit and a sophisticated scepticism. Kander and Ebb's musical was upstaged by A Chorus Line when it first appeared in 1975, and many critics thought it offputtingly cynical; but it still managed to run for 898 performances. Now it may do even better, for recent events have left its sharp-eyed, snappy-tongued view of celebrity justice looking a lot less fanciful. Who dare claim these days that American juries reach their verdicts on the basis of the truth and nothing but the trunh?

The show opens with a chorus of murderesses lamenting the fact that, though they have done nothing worse than stay husbands who objected to their extra-marital liaisons. they are stuck in Cook County jail. But two of them, Bebe Neuwirth's Velma and Ann Reinking's Roxie, take a more positive view. Aided by a publicity-wise lawyer ("if Jesus Christ had lived in Chicago and had \$5,000, things would have turned out very differently"), they use their notoriety as a route to the jurors' hearts and, at least until a more sensational killer turns up, stardom on the vaudeville

Both Kander's music and Ebb's lyrics are packed with cool, mucking fun, at its best when Velma and her iailer bewail the death of nice manners and good ethics or when Joel Grey, playing Roxie's weedy husband in shrimp-sized trousers, bleats JIM MCCUE out a number titled Mr Cello-phane: "You can look right

### Tuned into our sceptical times

Benedict Nightingale enjoys a fine Broadway revival of Kander and

through me, walk right by me, and never know I'm there". It is as if a post-socialist Brecht were to set The Threepenny Opera in what's nominally the 1920s but, by inference, the 1990s. And the message is unmissable: the law-andorder system is another branch of showbiz.

I left the Richard Rodgers Theatre feeling it would make an ideal counter-Christmas show for Sam Mendes's Donmar, and, lo and behold, I returned home to hear rumours that he may indeed stage it there before long. Certainly, a prime strength of

Bob Fosse. Imagine an elegant entertainment from some slick but sleazy corner of Hades. and you have the evening's sinister glamour.

If that's Broadway at its best. Present Laughter at the

Walter Bobbie's fine produc-

tion is a simplicity seldom seen

on Broadway. Mostly, the stage is filled with a bank of

musicians, principally brass

players, leaving a thinnish shelf on which men and

women in all-black stockings,

jackets, shorts, bras, whatev-

er, sway and swivel in dances

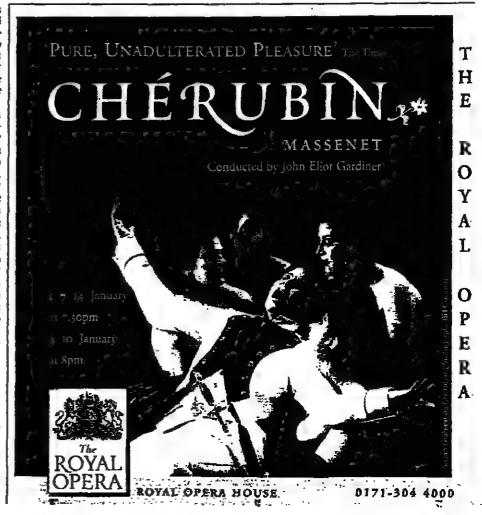
choreographed by Reinking in

the manner of the late, great

Walter Kerr shows it at its overblown worst. Up goes a posh 18th-century frontage to reveal a living room to make the builders of Blenheim feel penny-pinching. It is the home of Noël Coward's Garry Essendine, matinee idol and egomaniac, whose world is in emotional turmoil as he prepares to leave for a tour in what the cast's sometimes suspect British accents insist

on rechristening "Efricah".

Frank Langella, who plays him, is a fine, funny actor but. like others in the company, too often opts for the camp, broad gesture and too obviousiv nudges and tickles the audi ence and its armpits. And not content with coarsening Coward, the director, the young and fashionable Scott Elliott. brings his sexual subtexts Garry's would-be mistresses strip to their underwear and beyond, while the Angry Young Man who haunts him gives him the full-frontal treatment. The Master would have winced and, had he been less well bred, thrown up.





VISUAL ART

A new study of Michelangelo is among the new art-history books in the shops this Christmas



MUSIC I

Sir Colin Davis conducts the LSO and Chorus in a luminous performance of the Verdi Requiem





MUSIC 2

.. but Lynn Harrell fails to find the heart of Prokofiev's Cello Concerto.



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CLASSICAL CONCERTS

### A choral sound worth dying for

FROM the intensely hushed opening *Gradual*, this Verdi Requiem belonged to the London Symphony Orchestra Chorus. The singers' hoarsely whispered warning in the Dies Irae was chilling: there was gossamer delicacy before playful radiance in the Sanctus, and yearning in their final intimate exchange with the

soprano Georgina Lukacs. It was they, above all, who found the drama in what Bülow dismissed as "Verdi's latest opera". For it is, and should be, dramatic. It is also a work of Christian remembrance the conundrum remains, and was nowhere more apparent than in the florid Kyrie eleison entries of the four soloists, following an

opening of such subtlety.

There lingers a conflict in the British view of the work. We may now embrace its sensuous, public grandeur. But our choruses do not have the hard, vibrant sound of continentals. Add to this a conductor whose vision of the work is genuinely spiritual. and the concert hall begins to

LSO/Davis Barbican

one back into the area of virtuosic professionalism.

Sir Colin Davis's deeply-felt approach made for a luminous performance. There were moments of true solemnity, particularly in the Lachrymosa. But at times the work was burdened with a sense of inertia. His speeds tended to be slow: on and off-stage trumpets in the Last Trump lacked impetus. The tenor Stuart Neil was in

fine voice, perhaps a little too fine for the "groan, as one guilty" required for the Ingemisco. Gudjon Oskarsson was more expressive, particuwas more expressive, particularly in the inspired Mors stupebit. Enkeleida Shkosa delivered her Liber scriptus with a touching directness and Georgina Lukacs soared effortlessly, though they were ill-matched in the Agnus Dei. All four, however, lacked the empressive wascenth achieved. expressive warmth achieved by the LSO and Chorus.

HELEN WALLACE

### Said with flowers

THE tendency to award a bouquet without discrimination to every soloist, woman or man, produces interesting reactions. The women carry it off gracefully. Most men, on the other hand, would apparently do anything rather than be seen holding flowers as they leave the stage.
After his performance of

Prokofiev's Sinfonia Concertante in Bridgewater Hall, Lynn Harrell threw his bouquet high in the air behind him, where it landed among the back desks of the violas. It was an apt gesture. Remem-bering his wonderful account of the Dvořák Celio Concerto a couple of years ago, the Manchester audience had every reason to hope that he would give Prokoffey an interpretation that would present it in the best light. Unfortunately, he threw it away.

The first movement is particularly in need of a soloist with the authority and the variety in colour to characterise it rather than merely play through it. Harrell performed some prodigious technical feats. But, in spite of a more purposeful

Hallé/Nagano Manchester

projection in the second and third movements and a happy relationship with Kent Nagano and the Halle Or-chestra, he shed little light on the structural shapes and on expressive intentions.

The other main item in this concert, designed in part to celebrate the centenary of Salford University, was Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. Well, there is a celebratory element in the Symphony in F minor but it is usually reserved for the last movement. If the opening fanfare sounds more like an introduction to some kind of pageant than a fate-laden heart-stopper, there is no story.

The Hallé compensated with some lovely playing in the Andantino and the conductor secured a headily propulsive performance of the last movement. But, after that start, it had little real

GERALD LARNER

# Treasure for under the tree

**Richard Cork** 

reviews some of the sumptuous visual art books

in the shops this Christmas

The more we discover about the astonishing accomplishments of the Renaissance era, the more difficult it becomes to encompass them in a single book. But The Panorama of the Renaissance (Thames & Hudson, £29.95) opens up the rich diversity of the period. This sumptuously illustrated survey moves deftly between diverse themes, dealing with Banking and Eroticism, Fashion and Religion, Philosophy and Women alongside more familiar subjects.

Individual Renaissance artists benefit from close exploration as well. Benozzo Gozzoli has long been celebrated for his magical frescoes in the Palazzo Medici in Florence. But the whole of his 60-year career is now examined with the care it deserves. Diane Cole Ahl's scholarly and superbly illustrated book (Yale, E4S) is the definitive account, and includes a complete catalogue raisonné.
By now, Michelangelo might seem

to have been exhaustively explored. But Paul Joannides has mined a new seam in Michelangele and his Infinence (Lund Humphries, £45). Taking as his focus the excellent collection of the master's drawings at Windsor Castle, Joannides widens it out to include all the drawings in the same collection by other artists indebted to Michelangelo's protean

Georges de La Tour's fame is a 20th century phenomenon. Before 1934, when a pioneering exhibition was held in Paris, he was unknown to the public. Since then, he has become one of the most popular of all 17th-century painters. In Georges de La Tour and his World (Yale, £30) Philip Conisbee and other scholars survey everything from his candlelit religious scenes to the sometimes surprising

Of all the artists who flourished in 17th-century Holland, Jan Steen was the most boisterous. Riotous drinking occurs in many of his works, and his own grinning presence in some scenes proves how much he enjoyed himself. But he was also a consummate painter, and Jan Steen: Painter and Storyteller (Yale, £35) does full justice to his remarkable abilities.

Straddling the neo-classical and romantic eras, Pierre-Paul Prudhon established his reputation with large mythological paintings. But he drew exquisitely in chalk as



Featuring members of the Medici family, Botticelli's Adoration of the Magi (c 1475), is a highlight of The Panorama of the Renaissance

well, and these studies are the subject of a seductive book by John Elderfield (Abrams, £55). The sensuous female nudes are the most celebrated, but many of these outstanding drawings have never been published before.

**Honore Daumier's reputation has** undergone an even more dramatic revision. Renowned in his own day as a savagely effective cartoonist, he is now more admired for his small body of freely handled paintings. Bruce Laughton's lively new book (Yale, E45) looks at the totality of Daumier's

complex achievement.
Fronia E. Wissman's Bouguereau (Pomegranate, £22.95) shows just how removed Daumier's paintings were from official French taste of the period. Bouguereau was a darling of the Salon, and the Impressionists despised his enormous commercial

success. Van Gogh's failure to sell work

mortified him, but now the Amsterdam Museum dedicated to his work has produced the first of an eightvolume catalogue devoted to his drawings alone. Sjraar van Heuten's exemplary survey (Lund Humphries, £50) looks at the early £880s, when Van Gogh's social conscience led him to make nowerful studies of working men and women.

s for the other Impression-Van Gogh in Patty Lurie's delightful Guide to Impressionist Paris (Lilburne Press, £14.95). Lurie has done her best to pin down exactly when Monet, Degas and their friends painted images of the city. Each work is reproduced alongside a photograph of the same scene today. innovatory architecture from the Crystal Palace to John Pawson's minimalist London house of the

1990s is surveyed in Richard

The inescapable Picasso is represented by two books on unfamiliar aspects of his work. Susan Grace Galassi's penetrating study of Picas-so's Variations on the Masters (Abrams, £30) shows just how much this arch-revolutionary was con-scious of tradition. Picasso's rivalrous fascination with Manet. Delacroix and above all Velázquez is charted here in absorbing detail, while Jonathan Brown has edited an

thrall to mathematical theory.

Weston's concise Modernism

(Phaidon, £45). Le Corbusier domi-

nates much of the discussion, but

Weston ensures that architectural

experiments by artists such as Malevich are discussed as well.

Malevich himself is the subject of an

intriguing re-examination by John

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Malevich is here revealed as a man in

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Picasso squarely within the Spanish tradition alone (Yale, £30).

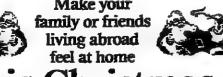
Two major British artists are also explored in new ways. Ann Garrould has ably edited the first volume of Henry Moore: Complete Drawings (Lund Humphries, £75). Taking the period 1916-29, she shows how rapidly Moore's draughtsmanship no ered as he moved from obscurity to acclaim. As for Francis Bacon, his obsessive interest in portraiture is celebrated by Milan Kundera in a powerfully illustrated study (Thames & Hudson, £45).

Finally, the extraordinary strength and vitality of contemporary British art is reflected in two welcome books by Germano Celant. His introductory essays on Tony Cragg and Anish Kapoor [Thames & Hudson, £38 and £29.95 respectively) look at two outstanding sculptors, splendid-ly illustrated with key examples of the work that has brought them renown.

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### Thrilling across the decades

THE ART OF SINGING: Golden Voices of the Century Warner 0630-15898-3 A TREASURE chest of film

clips, most of them rare. featuring many of the finest opera singers of the century. When the talkies arrived, tenors such as Schipa and Martinelli were wheeled into the studios and dressed in costume while the cameras rolled for one-reelers. Then Hollywood took over. Rosa Ponselle is seen auditioning for a screen Carmen that never happened. Pity. But Lawrence Tibbett and Lauritz Melchior had spots in now forgotten films: the former sang the Toreador Song in Metropolitan and the latter Winterstürme in Luxury Liner. After that came television. with programmes putting on the stars of the Met in celebrity

spots. So we have Björling and Tebaldi in the close of Boheme Act I and Leontyne Price, at her peak, singing O patria mia. Even the talking heads. led by Thomas Hampson and Magda Olivero, have words of wisdom. Essential viewing.

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Lulu Schäfer/Harries/Kuebler/ Bailey/Schöne/LPO/ Davis Warner 0630 15533-3 (subtitled) GRAHAM VICK'S Glynde-

bourne production this summer was a little short of his excellent best. Part of the blame has to be placed at the foot of his designer. Paul Brown, who normally serves him well. The over-clean brick wall of the set did little to summon up the exceedingly dirty world of Wedekind's play and Berg's opera.

Christine Schäfer in the title role did her very best to overcome this with her expression of knowing innocence, OPERA ON VIDEO: From the

giants of the past to the new

productions they're all talking about



Rare treat: Maria Callas in La traviata (1958), just at the time that her voice was reaching the peak of its power

with the exceptional demands of this role and alongside her were some telling performances, led by Norman Bailey's smelly Schigolch and Wolfgang Schöne as husband

Humphrey Burton, an old hand at Glyndebourne, films

Her soprano had no difficulty Andrew Davis is beyond

MARIA CALLAS IN CONCERT: Hamburg 1959 and 1962 EMI 7243 4 91711 3 8

THERE is sadly little of Callas on film. A dimly shot extract of her Lisbon Traviata is one of with admirable clarity and the the few disappointments in that schoolgirl and half slut. playing of the LPO under The Art of Singing. These two

recitals, filmed by German television, help a little, al-though on both occasions she restricted herself to a mere handful of arias, albeit demanding ones. In 1959 she was not too far short of her full cowers, at least in Verdi: Elisabeth's Tu che la vanità from Don Carlo and Lady

Macbeth's letter scene. Three years later the voice was in steep decline and not much of the career was left. Callas was tinkering with the mezzo repertory: Elisabeth had been switched to Eboli's O don fatale. The results were not always happy. But the presence remained, impas-sioned and totally dedicated.

Don Carlos Mattila/Meier/Alagna/ Hampson/Van Dam/ Orchestre de Paris/Pappano Warner 0630 16318-3

LUC BONDY'S production, in its original version at the Chatelet in Paris last spring, successfuly transfers to the small screen. The filming is a bit dark in places, but closeups ensure that the performances are given full effect. Bondy turned his singers — and, with the exception of

Waltraud Meier's Eboli, they could scarcely have been bettered — into class actors able to play in ensemble. Roberto Alagna's Carlos, an innocent lost in a complex world, and Thomas Hampson's zealot of a Rodrigo are marvellously balanced, their relationship during the death scene being more than mere friendship. Jose van Dam and Karita Mattila are Philip and Elisabeth, the royal exiles from all human warmth, and Antonio Pappano is the out-

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### **GREAT BRITISH HOPES** Rising stars in the arts firmament

SAM ELLIOTT

equalty stimulating book placing

Talent: Elliott is an outstanding tuba player. He reached the brass final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition in 1994 and again this year, playing an avant-garde sonata by Leonard Salzedo. He is one of only three tuba students at the Royal Academy of Music.

Why the tuba? Fate took a hand at Elphinstone Junior School, Hastings. "At the age of ten, I wanted to change from tenor born to euphonium, which I'd seen another boy playing. But I thought the euphonium was



called a tuba and mistakenly asked for tuba lessons. It was

Tecthing troubles: The first tuba I learnt on was so old the mouth pipe was held together with Sellotape. Initially, the sheer size of the instrument was also a problem."

Breakthrough: After winning a government scholarship to Wells Cathedral School, he came under the tuition of trombonist Alan Hutt. "He is a brilliant teacher, who did wonders for my playing. It just boomed." At 14, Elliott made his debut as a soloist, in Oxford, and from 16 was certain that he wanted a musical career.

Stereotyping: "I really dislike the mocking image of the tuba as an instrument that only produces a comical noise. I would compare it to the French horn: the sound won't hit you between the eyes, but it can have a lovely, lyrical quality."

Sound barrier: Apart from well-known concertos by Vaughan Williams and Edward Gregson (Elliott is playing the latter at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury, on January 18), the tuba repertoire is so small that his chances of making a living purely as a soloist are virtually non-existent. Twe been seeking out all the composers who teach at the Academy, and saying to them: Please write something for the

Satisfaction: "I get an absolutely wonderful feeling at the end of a concert when I know I've made an audience enjoy and appreciate the tuba. That's when the hard work really means

DANIEL ROSENTHAL

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**POP** The Pretenders' excursion to church can only be counted as a modified



The life and music of Billie Holiday are recalled, perhaps too sweetly, in Lady Sings the Blues

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POP AND JAZZ: Chrissie Hynde fails to convince; Tracey's birthday; remembering Lady Day

# Pretender, or faking?

blessing

The year has started late for the Pretenders. Chrissie Hynde reconvened her durable band of rockers at the end of last week in two fundraisers for Capital Radio's Share a Capital Christmas appeal. They were the group's first concerts of 1996, ending a year-long hibernation after their live album, Isle of View. The shows

repeated recipe used for The Pretenders that record, augmenting

the Duke Quarter, who again added strings to rearranged, acoustically inclined selections from the Pretenders' song-book. And, on the face of it, what better setting for such a seasonal gathering than this hallowed Islington location. especially as it is just down the

road from the Angel?
Yet previous visits to Union Chapel have shown it to be a sympathetic venue in theory only. Chrissie & Co looked a picture, decorously arranged around the pulpit with acoustic guitars and violins to the fore. But the sound from this "stage" always seems to echo away coldly towards the stee-ple, while the audience sits on

nipping at the extremities.
The band's rewriting of its back pages in this recital setting was only partially suc-cessful. Some of the Pretenders loud and proud rock landmarks simply will not politely allow their gutsy electric guitar parts to be trans-planted with sedate strings. In

her mid-forties. Hynde re-

mains the epitome of mature rock rebellion. and an awk-Union Chapel, NI ward focal point for such

demure endeavours. Back on the Chain Gang and Brass in Pocket were among those that just did not want to sit still for their wash and brush up.

But there has always been a sentimental heart beneath Hynde's rock 'n' roll swagger and the lights on the tree really shone on the more romantic pieces such as Kid, the seasonal 2000 Miles and a welcome revival of Birds of Paradise from the 1981 Pretenders II album. Chrissie then sent us on our way with a rendition of Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas: even more of a softy than we thought.

PAUL SEXTON

following quartet pieces, which initial-

ly featured trumpeter Gerard Presencer and tenor player Bobby Wellins, Tracey confirmed his reput-

ation as a world-class improviser.

cutting unpredictable paths through

the tunes' changes which turned out to

The octet and septet segments of the

evening inevitably shifted the spotlight

to Tracey the composer, but the playing of regular collaborators such

as saxophonists Don Weller and Peter

King as well as the younger generation

(represented by saxophonists Andy

Panayi, Mornington Lockett and Ju-

lian Arguelles) ensured that no mo-

In the concluding big-band section,

vouthful prowess was heavily and

on the entire British jazz scene.

mentum was lost.

be by far the most scenic routes.



Big softy: time seems to have mellowed Chrissie Hynde, but eviscerated her music

### Free score years and ten

Stan Tracey Queen Elizabeth Hall

IN 1973, the Park Lane Group presented the first jazz concert at the Oueen. Elizabeth Hall, featuring Stan Tracey, so it was fitting that the same organisation should present the same concert to mark his seventieth birthday. Such occasions can all too easily turn into schmaltzy schlock; fortunately, Tracey is incapable of producing anything but the hard-edged, inventive jazz he has been composing and playing since 1944.

Like the senior of his two main influences, Duke Ellington (the other being Thelonious Monk), Tracey the composer also "plays" his various bands, from duos and trios right up to 15-piece orchestras. The concert showcased these various bands in logical sequence, beginning with Tracey plus thythm section (drummer son Clark and bassist Andy Cleyndert), and culminating in a rousing selection

### from The Genesis Suite with full Home for prenestra. The opening trio selection was an original blues, Panama Red, a typicalthe Holiday ly quirky, percussive Tracey tune that enabled him to get into his stride immediately with his familiar chunky soloing style. In both this and the

**Lady Sings the Blues** Birmingham

PRESENTING a show built around the songs of Billie Holiday is a daunting prospect for any singer, but Val Wiseman has successfully toured her package for almost nine years. During that time there have been slight changes to the band and the routines, and her appearance on home turf at Ronnie Scott's marked just such a moment of renewal. Several new songs have been added, many rescued from Holiday's Jesser-known recordings and Alan Barnes has recently joined the backing band on tenor sax and clarinet.

ble Digby Fairweather on cornet, the show offers a relaxed tour through sentiment and short on heartache. Few singers can encapsulate the pain and anguish of Holiday's last years, but Wiseman was nevertheless at her best when tackling the measured ballads of the 1950s, notably You Are Mine and Lover Man, with Barnes taking the tenor solo.

In these songs, the lyrics gave Wiseman the chance to extract more meaning - after all, plenty of Holiday's 1930s discs were unmemorable frothy songs save for the edge in her voice and the stellar accompanists Teddy Wilson recruited to back her. Wiseman's band is, in British terms, every bit as stellar as many of Wilson's little groups, but it, like Wiseman,

The 1930s songs raised the question of authenticity. Just how closely should such a show emulate the style of the period? Each member of the band solved the problem differently and the most satisfying solo playing came from trombonist Roy Williams, confident enough to be himself in all surroundings and turning in a succession of ever more accomplished vignettes. His unaccompanied choruses and duos with guitarist Jim Douglas were as brilliant as in both men's heyday with Alex Weish a quarter of a century ago.

ALYN SHIPTON

### LONDON TODAY'S CHOICE A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Richard A daily guide to erts and entertainment and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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# An ideal home for the 1990s

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reflect on how our homes fit our lifestyles - and almost half of us would up sticks to the country if we could

A new Abbey National survey found that 40 per cent of us dream of buying a country house or a thatched cottage, with only 24 per cent wishing to stay in town.

Herewith The Times's guide to the nation's most desirable homes. Some are conducive to festive cheer and mulled wine, houses, as Country Life put it recently, redolent of Washington Irving, Pickwick and plum

But not all are hally-bedecked. with fireplaces that demand the roasting of chestnuts. We have also included some stylish city pads, too, for those of us who remain resolute ur-

They might even prove the most extravagant Christmas but be minded of

one Danish tycoon who bought a Highland estate on a romantic whim for his wife, unseen by her. It went back on the market a week later because she disliked the rain.

They are the houses that agents have chosen to be most in keeping with the desires of buyers in the 1990s. The savvy may deliberately buck the trends: buy a very different set of bricks and mortar, and bargains are there for the

But for those tired of talk of dream homes in a market tarred by scarcity, take cheer from the story of Times readers Fran and Julian Edwards. Frustrated by months of

The Christmas holiday fruitless searching, they even-tually fell for a Georgian house in a Somerset village. "As soon as we saw it, we knew it was the house for us," recalls Mrs Edwards. "A detatched Grade II listed Georgian house with beautiful sash windows, and a large south-facing garden. It was unlike modern houses, and the classic symmetry of the square rooms had not been spoilt by modernisation. In a way, it was a blank canvas - beautiful and

elegant - and with potential. But it wasn't up for sale. Undeterred, the Edwards rang and put in an offer. It was the culmination of a three-year attempt to leave

suburbia. We wanted to slow down and move to a period house in the country. We had a huge mortgage on our house in Wal-lington, Surrey, so we were both working to pay it off all the time. And we hated the noise,

says Mrs Edwards. "Moreover, our Surrey house was newly built and we were uncomfortable. We wanted space and just didn't feel we fitted into it.

"We were searching for a period four-bedroom house with plenty of land. We had just started a new business and our daughter Kate was just about to start her GCSEs, so it seemed like an ideal time

It took 18 months to sell the Surrey house in August 1995. But they could find nothing to buy, so rented a house in Wells, Somerset, while they continued their search. As weeks turned to months, they began to despair.



"We started by looking in a ten-mile radius of Wells because Kate did not want to live in the back of beyond," says Mrs Edwards. "We were on all the agents' lists, but we couldn't find anything we

There was so much interest in country houses. Most of the competition was from other people wanting to move from London, Eventually, we began to look at almost anything." But last January, the couple spied Lodge Hill House, while driving through Westburysub-Mendip, four miles from

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scribes the country idyll of would-be buyers on his firm's books: "Everyone's dream is a classical or Georgian house, situated on the edge of a village, preferably in an area of outstanding beauty, in unspoilt countryside where they are protected from future building developments and within easy reach of London."

East Dean Manor in Hampshire, could be the an-swer. The £750,000, 18th-century, Grade II\* listed Queen Anne house is nine miles from Salisbury. With six bedrooms and six acres of land, a separate flat, indoor swimming pool and sauna, as well as woodland and paddock, there are 120 yards of double and single-bank fishing on the River Dun, which flows

through the grounds.
The £235,000 Butter Street Cottage, on the edge of the village of Nonnington in Kent, is voted the ideal weekend retreat by Conrad Payne, of Cluttons. The Grade II listed thatched and timberframed cottage, dates back to the 16th century, has a swimming pool, is surrounded by farmland and has a paddock

near by. Mr Payne says: "Three out of every five new applicants who register with us are looking for a country bolthole for weekends. With two original inglenook fireplaces and beams, and including three reception rooms, four to five bedrooms, a kitchen/breakfast room and playroom, the Butter Street cottage is very

For those who yearn to be north of the border in time for a Hogmanay Highland fling, then the £425,000 Monkton House near Edinburgh sounds ideal. For sale for the first time on the open market, this fortified laird's house, dating from the 14th century, was built as a safe house by the monks of Newbattle Abbey.

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rare to find a wide, doublefronted detached family house, and when they come on the market, they are highly sought after.
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or a truly spiritual Christ-mas, what about buying an Italian church? The British Blessed are have already turned "Chiantithe church shire" into a Home County: now there is the prospect of chintz cur- tains adorning Tuscan churches. The Curia of Siena, unable to continue looking after all its propbuyers erties, last month took the unusual step of offering five rural churches in the Chianti region at bargain prices. The sale includes valuable



For sale at £200,000: San Michele, Castiglion del Bosco

includes a 12-room rectory and a large garden surrounded by cypresses.

A few kilometres south of Cortennano. much of San Donato village is for sale. The tiny church and the 300sq m rectory will cost £200,000; a 60sq th stone cottage E60,000 and a 210sq m house £180,000. For £145,000, you can buy the church of Santa Maria in Torre a Castello, near Castelnuovo Berardenga, and the 180sq m rectory on

two floors. Prices in Chianti have risen so sharply that even the most decrepit barn can cost a fortune. New construction is banned, so the market rarely offers anything other than expensive ruins. Given the number of people who flock

to peep through the windows of the churches on sale, owning one seems a real status symbol. Silvia Terlindi, a housewife from Florence, says: "! have always dreamt of living in Chianti, but it was impossible because of the prices. I can hardly believe that my family may have the chance to live in a house that is

aiready blessed." Buying a church is not easy. The Curia of Siena has been overwheimed by applications - more than 300 in less than a month. Priority will be given not to the highest bidder, but to the kind of plans the potential owner has.

The archbishop confides: "We know that these churches may give architects great scope for innovation, but we intend to privilege those who will restore them without making any conversion. After all, the adjoining rectories offered with the churches can still make homes of character."

No decision has been taken on the church of San Michele In Castiglion del Bosco, a neat village north of Montalcino, which is for sale at about £200,000, although talks are under way. Artistically, the tiny church is the most interesting on the market because It features the frescoes of the Annunciation by Pietro Lorenzetti, the artist who, with Giotto, Cima-bue and Simone Martini, painted the frescoes of the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi. Giuseppe Buono, manager of the Castiglion del Bosco wine estate, says: "We are

very interested in the church and the rectory. If we buy it we will give visi-tors the opportunity to see the frescoes." The Curia has just put San Fedele, an empty and isolated hamlet near Radda in Chianti, on the market for about £800,000. The hamlet, in need of much restoration, includes eight houses, a

chapel and Romanesque church. "San Fedele is the sort of village that makes the English want to leave their country," the archbishop says.

● Application for the churches should be sent to Don Tho Royai, Ufficio Nuove Chiese, Via Liguria 6 (Vico Alto), 53100-Siena; fax 0039577-53562. Further details: Giuseppe Pin, tel. 0039577-270589. For San Fedele, contact Brian A. French on 0171-735 8244 or fax 0171-735 8248

Rossella Lorenzi

### An inspirational Christmas

themselves this Christmas with books for decorators. The big names of interior

The buyers pay a reasonable sum in

The properties are worth the trouble. In

Sovignano, a charming village half-way between Montalcino and Siena, where the

rolling hills of Chianti merge into the

wild, tawny landscape of southern Tus-

cany, the tiny church of Santo Stefano is

for sale at about £165,000. Surrounded by

a large garden, it comes with a well-kept

290sq m rectory on two floors.

About £220,000 will buy the church of

San Jacopo in Cortennano, a 13th-century

village overlooking San Gimignano's stunning skyline of towers. The price

advance; any settlement is made after the superintendent or the ministry in Rome

has authorised the sale.

design are out in force. Nina Campbell, the queen bee of traditional decoration, has published Nina Campbell on Decorating (Conran Octopus, £25), and Tricia Guild, of the Designers Guild, has written Tricia Guild in Town: Contemporary Design for Urban Living (Quadrille, £25). Along with Emma-Louise O'Reilly's The Perfect Country Room

(Conran Octopus, £20), these books are for interiors junkies although too big for any but the most enormous stockings. Both Ms Campbell and Ms

Guild take us round their very different London homes. Ms Guild's flamboyant urban home contrasts with the classic English style of Ms Campbell's country house interiors. Both offer advice to imitators.

Ms Guild suggests painting walls while the plaster is still wet for a mottled look; Ms Campbell recommends read-

ers customise cushions with beading or needlework. Personal possessions need frequent and ruthless sorting-out, says Ms Campbell. "Motley collections can so easily take over. Before I start to hang pictures or place objects. I lay everything in front of me, then get rid of what is superfluous."

Ms O'Reilly advises on how to combine the spare contemporary look and the traditional with less clutter.

For the hands-on decorator,

try Pamela Innes's Furniture, and Backgrounds and Borders (Aurum Press, £12.95), or Jocasta Innes's Trade Secrets: Classic and Contemporary Surfaces and Finishes (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £19.99).

The aged look is de riguem The more distressed you walls look, the better. From marbling, to creating frescoes in your bathroom to crackle glazing" a tray, these books

AMANDA LOOSI

# lagely. Lack of seasonal strives for unity

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

AN UNEASY stand-off -truce would be over-egging it between those who run racing and others who think they could do the job better emerged yesterday at the equivalent of the sport's annu-

al general meeting in London. Christmas is only a week away but there was precious little goodwill in the air as representatives of the industry's diverse factions gathered for the British Horseracing Board (BHB) industry committee forum at the Royal Geographical Society.

However, the inquest into racing's ills, notably the fail-to obtain a cut in betting they from the recent Budget, did not provoke the bloodbath. or demands for resignations which some had feared.

in the end, there was one undignified spat, between Lord Wakeham, the BHB chairman, and Peter Savill. the outspoken member of the Racehorse Owners' Association council (ROA) and fiercest critic of the BHB leadership. There was also ome surprisingly ineffectual questioning from a phalanx of mers' representatives which gely missed its target.

For its part, the BHB leaderhip promised an all-embracng review to examine the key ssues -- particularly financial facing the sport; unveiled the first moves towards a financial plan for racing and

nsisted racing must speak rith one voice. However, aithough Lord Vakeham and Tristram icketts, chief executive of the BHB, emerged relatively un-

scathed from the two-hour meeting, the silent majority within racing left far from convinced. A complaint about "lack of leadership," raised by Lady Burnham, president of the ROA, during the question and answer session, found an echo afterwards with several

Not surprisingly, given the uproar which followed last month's Budget disappointment, the BHB leadership was well prepared for its critics yesterday and set a trap which their opponents walked into

obligingly. Wakeham, and then Matthew McCloy, chairman of the industry committee, went out of their way so stress the BHB's democratic nature and how the Budget submission had the agreement of all. racing's organisations. \*Indi-viduals with personal views must win their arguments before their own councils," McCloy said pointedly.

So when Peter Savill, Sir Eric Parker and Jim Furlong. the ROA council members who have been most critical of Wakeham and Ricketts, let rip. Wakeham was able to point out how their association had been party to the BHB

Wakeham went further, and may wish he had not. With Savill clearly in mind, he said: "that disproportionate damage is done to racing's case by a small minority of publicityseeking individuals who, although having no influence, consistently seek to undermine the board's authority."

When Savill said the BHB

seemed to be acting as a rubber stamp to the industry committee, in the same way the Queen rubber stamped the work of the House of Commons. Wakeham retorted: "I fear residence in the Cayman Islands has dented whatever constitutional knowledge you had at one time."

The sideswipe at Savill living in the Cayman Islands, where he is a tax exile, was repeated when Savill tried to interrupt Wakeham, Now, come on, just sit yourself down and listen to me answer the question," the BHB chairman said. "You've had your say, now quietly sit down and when I have finished you can ask another question. That is the democratic way in this country; it may not be where you come from."

The exchange is unlikely to heal wounds and help prompt the unity within racing which the BHB chairman stressed was crucial if the sport is to unclear is how representative the views of Savill and his colleagues are among owners and within racing at large. The ROA delegation certainly appeared rather isolated yesterday; almost a voice in the vilderness.

bers of the BHB - Peter Jones, Sir Paul Fox, Lord Swaythling and Lord Zetland - due to stand down next June, it could pave the way for a shake-up in the board's membership, with Savill being tipped as a re-placement for Jones, one of the present owners' representatives. What odds unity then?

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Rough Quest makes light of a return to the smaller obstacles by winning the Lympne Novices' Hurdle at Folkestone vesterday

### Rough Quest makes smooth return

ROUGH OUEST is the best advertisement the Grand National could wish for. It smacked of pathos to see him contest the Lympne Novices' Hurdie at Folkestone yesterday, but the ten-year-old radiated class as he strode to a resounding victory.

Over a trip two miles shorter than his Aintree triumph. Rough Quest produced a performance beyond the range of the majority of Grand National winners. A combination of minor injuries, fast ground and recent abandonments has frustrated his trainer, Terry Casey, who anxiously sought an opportunity before the King George VI Chase on Boxing

but the horse took it in his stride, in the process serving notice that One Man will have to be at his very best in the Kempton feature. Ladbrokes responded by trimming Rough Quest to 5-1, from a point longer.

A marvellous cameo developed on the long run round to the final flight as Mick Fitzgerald, who sat motionless aboard Rough Quest, stalked Destin D'Estruval, the mount of David Bridgwater. It prompted uncomfortable memories for Bridgwater, who performed a similar chore on the Martin Pipe-trained Encore Un Peu, the runner-up at Aintree, Now, as then, the two lockeys exchanged words,"I won't repeat

later related, "but he said: 'That's the second time you've done it to me on the same horse'."

It is a long way from Becher's Brook to this run-of-the-mill venue. No racecourse distils the brave quite like Aintree, but Rough Quest must have sensed the unexpected from the paddock antics of his unraced opponents. As Pett Lad dropped his rider and Over The Water threatened to start his race there and then, Rough Quest surveyed the scene with wry detachment. He had seen all this and plenty more.

Even at the first hurdle, a full metre lower than the last obstacle he jumped in public, Rough Quest

done. He must have trailed the field by upwards of 30 lengths before halfway, but there was no denying the ease with which he closed on the leaders four fences from the finish. From that point, Casey could afford

"I could see he was going best," the trainer said. "Before the race I had visions of everything going wrong but he had a lovely gallop round. He should be in very good order for Kempton after that. The horse is hardly blowing, even though he had to race from the last." Indeed, without a sloppy jump at the final flight, Rough Quest would barely have come off the bridle.

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12.50 GLEBE NOVICES CHASE

(£3,043; 2m) (6 runners) 1 -512 MONTHOW 25 (F.O.) M Hammond 6-11-5 ... R Garnity 2 2251 TWN FALLS 25 (F.O.F.G.) G Moore 5-11-5 ... P Gallegham 3 14-2 AMBER WALLEY B (S.) DWINGER 5-10-12 ... P Holland 4 06F4 FEMMONTS INCIDENT 12 (F.) Mr. 5 Simili 6-10-12 ... R Gaset 5 US-5 RESPONT (100GHT) 14 (E) J Haddem 6-10-12 ... T Read 6 PP-0 COME ASHORE 40 M Barnes 5-10-12 ... 8 Taylor (S) 11-10 Manyoran, 3-1 Twise Kalls, 7-2 Arabia Visitor, 8-1 Fernanck's Brother, 16-1 Francky surght, 25-1 Gone Ashara

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8 56-6 FRYUP SATELLITE 14 Mr. J Brown 5-10-7 Mrss P Robert 18;

9 013- MISH PERHOWE 329 (7) J Gunto 8-10-3 ... C Bonner (3)

10 0-60 CULLIN CAPER 30 T Winton 4-10-3 ... Miss R Clark (7)

11 A-D SKI PATH 11 N Bycote 7-10-0 ... P Nistray (7)

12 0-04 RUBSSIAW 9 Mrs K Lamb 4-10-0 ... Miss 5 Lamb (7) 5-2 Date Di Perfit, 3-1 Favilley Piyer, 5-1 Sedden Spin, 6-1 Fiel Top Tall Magazin 10-1 High Peohouse, 16-1 others

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4 SF6- DORLBU CASTILE 228 (S) Lurgo B-10-12 . T Reed
5 -342 SHAWWELL 15 [F.G.] J Clorinos 9-10-12 . A Johnson
6 -4SF TICO GOLD 15 P Cheschrough B-10-12 . A S Smith
15-8 Dorlan Caste 5-2 Eeris Lad, 4-1 Tico Gold, 5-1 Shiewwell, 3-1 Brockets
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2.20 RAFFYARD HOUSE SELLING HURDLE (£1,943 2m 3l) (10)

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2. 5-66 W. A. MOMACHY 12 (ST. C. Gard 5-11-5 ... J. Debylor

4. 70-0 TRAILEZ 19 (St. St. A. S. Ascharte 5-11-5 ... J. Supple

5. 5-300 CDOL STEEL 7 Mor. J. Evene 4-10-12 ... X. Winclan

6. 0-78 HEAVNESS ABOVE 14 F Marphy 4-10-12 ... X. Winclan

7. 50 PHAR ENDUSH 12 J Forgosald 4-10-12 ... X. Winclan

8. 60-4 SCOBERT THE SRAVE 14 J. Justerson 4-10-12 ... E. Calaghan (3)

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3.20 HUTTON WANDESLEY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,138 2m) (14)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

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FOOTBALL

### Southampton seek 'feel-good' factor in Coca-Cola Cup

SOUTHAMPTON and West Ham United have failed to win any of their past six league matches and have drifted into the nether regions of the FA Carling Premiership. Tonight, in Coca-Cola Cup fourth round replays against Oxford United and Stockport County respectively, their discomfort could continue.

At least Southampton, eighteenth in the Premiership. have home advantage against Oxford, fifth in the Nationwide League first division. They should be reasonably fresh, too, having spent a week training in Israel trying to recharge distinctly low

Since the 6-3 victory against Manchester United in October, and a subsequent I-I draw with Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton have lost five successive league games, in-cluding the 7-1 humiliation away to Everton. Graeme Souness, the manager, feels that success this evening and a place in the quarterfinals, against West Ham or Stockport - could kick-start their season back to life.

Oxford are playing well at the moment, we're well aware of that, but perhaps a good result will give us the boost in confidence we need," Souness said yesterday, "The Premiership remains our No I priority, but a nice cup run always

Much will depend on the availability of Matthew Le Tissier, the England midfield player. Injury has forced him to miss Southampton's past four matches, including the 1-1 draw at the Manor Ground last month, and he will have a late fitness test before Souness decides whether to select him.

Oxford's impressive recent form was amply illustrated in their 4-1 home win against Sheffield United on Saturday. in which Martin Aldridge scored a first-half hat-trick. It was at a cost, though, with only eight players able to train on Monday, Darren Purse, Phil Gilchrist, Martin Gray and David Smith were among the casualties, but should recover in time to play at The

"Our first-half display against Sheffield was outstanding," Denis Smith, the Oxford manager, said. "You can't get a lot better than



reproduce it against South-

West Ham face a similarly awkward task against Stockport at Edgeley Park, the teams having drawn 1-1 at Upton Park in the initial meeting. "It's all about having the right approach," Frank Lampard, the West Ham assistant manager, said. "You know what you're in for before you even get there.

"Stockport will be geared up for a battle and we've got to cope with it. Skill-wise, we should be the better side, but we've got to match them for aggression and enthusiasm. If we get past them, then you can already smell Wembley."

West Ham's seemingly end-less injury problems appear to be easing, with long-term absentees, Steve Jones and Danny Williamson, nearing full fitness again. Hugo Porfirio, the Portuguese striker, is on the mend, too, and may return tonight.

Stockport, sixth in the sec-ond division, drew 0-0 against Peterborough United on Sat-urday, the first time they have failed to score in 24 matches. They have already beaten Premiership opponents in the Coca-Cola Cup this season, winning 1-0 against Blackburn Rovers in a third round tie at Ewood Park in October.

"Most people will expect us to get beaten, but you never know," Brett Angell, the Stock-port striker, said. "We'll give it a go and maybe there'll be



Heinz-Harald Frentzen and the Williams team conduct business as usual during testing at the Castellet circuit in southern France yesterday

### Mosley hints at cancellation of races

By OLIVER HOLT

MAX MOSLEY, the president of the FIA, the international motor sport federation, last night issued a veiled warning to the Italian motor racing authorities that both grands prix scheduled to take place in the country next season could be cancelled because of the manslaughter charges arising from the death of Ayrton Senna at Imola in May 1994. Frank Williams, the Williams team owner, and two members of the team are due to appear before a judge in

imola on February 20 next

year, but Mosley concentrated on the difficulties that may arise because the same charge has been levelled at an FIA official, Roland Bruinseraede, who was the race director at Formula One events that

Mosley insisted that neither the Formula One world championship nor the world rally championship would be affected by the legal action. This is a uniquely Italian problem requiring a uniquely Italian solution," he said. However, he hinted that, if necessary, the San Marino and Italian grands prix, at Imola and Monza respectively, would be cancelled if the position of the Italian legal system on accidental deaths during races was not clarified before the start of the new season, in Australia on March 9.

Mosley, who has an outstanding reputation as a barrister, said that "the best legal advice" given to the FIA was that the six people charged with manslaughter, including Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, and Adrian Newey, the team's chief designer, would be acquitted. More substantial is the

difficulty the FIA now faces in

ials to carry out their functions Italian events," Mosley said. "The presence of international officials is essential if a race or rally is to form part of international championship. There may also be difficulty persuading competitors outside

persuading international offic-

Bernie Ecclestone, the president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, added his voice to the general indignation that has been prompted within the sport.
"To accuse somebody of negligence is nonsense," he said. "If prove it, then the person responsible would have been in trouble whatever country he

"I am hoping that the Italian Government will look at their law and bring it in line with other countries. It is not realistic to threaten a ban motor racing in Italy, but if Frank Williams was found guilty I doubt if any team would want to go there and race knowing they could end up in the nick."

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### Robson has high hopes for Kinder

ager of Middlesbrough, believes he may have made the first step towards arresting his Premiership (a) After an impressive week's training on Teesside, Robson is planning to include Flav Kinder, 27, three times the player of the year in Slovakia. in the Middleshrough line-up in the reserve team fixture against Port Vale tonight.

'He could be a good one for us because he's an experienced international and a left-footed player, which we need for balance." Robson said vesterday. Middlesbrough hope to receive international clearance in time for Kinder to play in the Pontins League match at the Riverside Stadium.

"He's looked good on the ball in training, now we want to see him in a game," Robson said. Emerson will also appear in the match, in an attempt to improve his fitness. alongside Fabinho, playing his first match for the club. Rund Gullit, the Chelsen manager, is preparing a bid for Lou Cavaco, 22, the Stockport County striker. Gullit has had Cavaco watched three times since he forced his way into County's first team this season, although he has played only ten senior games.

### Burns demands end to Celtic disputes

FACED with the prospect of Parkhead of late. As he did so, the Celtic manager pointedly Hooljdonk is not helping morale at the club.

wrangling over his contract and his long-term future at Celtic, developed a groin strain somewhere between being an unused substitute for Holland against Belgium in a World Cup qualifying match in Brussels on Saturday and Celtic's Barrowfield training ground yesterday morning and is rated an unlikely starter for the visit to Dunfermline

This season is not about Pierre van Hooijdonk, it is about Celtic Football Club trying to win a championship. Most certainly, it is about

Celtic's puruit of Rangers at League premier division collapsing long before the end of day demanded an end to the "anarchy" that has enveloped complained that Pierre van

Van Hooijdonk, who is

"The last I saw him he had an ice-pack on his groin in the dressing-room," Burns said of his errant striker, adding that he was happy to postpone talks with the player until the end of the season so that the club can concentrate on its championship challenge.

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competing for it until the last possible moment. We manto do the same this year - and that, but if all we want is to

fight with each other, shouting for this player to go or that player to go, or the manager to go, it just causes anarchy. This is a vital time for everyone at Celtic. For myself, the rest of the management, the players. but, most importantly, for the supporters. We have a lot of games coming up and I need everyone to stick together." Phil O'Donnell, the midfield

player, is ready to return for Celtic after playing only two matches this season, against Kosice and Aberdeen, in early August. He then suffered a thigh problem, but has played three comeback matches with the reserves.

"We've taken our time bringing him back, but Phil will be involved and it is a huge boost," Burns said. "He can be such an influential player for us and we all look forward to him coming back." Dundee United are to push ahead with work to increase the capacity of Tannadice from the present 12,608 limit to 14,300. United are to extend the existing South Stand at a cost of more than El million.

WEST INDIES revived their flagging tour in Australia with a seven-wicket victory over Pakistan in the World Series one-day international

in Adelaide yesterday. Pilio-ried for their inept performances after losing nine matches, Courtney Walsh's touring team bounced back, bowling out the Pakistanis for 176 and hitting 177 for three, with 83 balls to spare. West Indies had been labelled the worst team from

the Caribbean to tour Australia, yet after improved displays from two key men, Brian Lara and Curtly Ambrose, plus an audacious 86 off 78 balls from Junior Murray, the man of the match, West Indies began to look like their old selves.

A career-best five for 37 from Jimmy Adams, the spin bowier, set West Indies on track to a victory made easier by the swashbuckling knock

of Murray, playing as a makeshift opener.

Murray, together with Sherwin Campbell (24) hit 69 off 84 balls before Campbell was dismissed by Mushtaq Ahmed. Walsh. without a win. from two Test and two oneday matches against Australia on this tour, was encouraged by the return to form of his strike bowier, Ambrose, who took two for 16, and his leading batsman, Lara, who hit the winning runs to finish 31 not out.

Ambrose was attempting to rediscover the fire that made him one of the world's most feared bowlers and Walsh rejected criticism that the Antiguan had looked disinterested and was not trying on tour, "He's been bowling well but without luck," Walsh said. He's been giving it his all. Today's a happier day. We played well and deserved to

Pakistan's highly-rated spin attack was dealt with severely by Murray and, later, Lara with Saqlain Mushtaq. man of the match with five wickets against Australia on Sunday, hit for 43 from five overs. "I was very impressed with Lara's innings. There were signs his confidence was

coming back," Walsh said. Murray, who equalled his highest one-day international score, was unlucky to be given out leg-before to Shahid Afridî, who also claimed the wicket of Shivnarine

Chanderpaul for 21.

After being sent in, Pakistan had their confidence sapped by the early departure of the experienced opener, Aamir Sohail, for II and were restricted by a tight spell from Ambrose of six overs for six runs. The introduction of Adams had them struggling to push the run-rate past 3.5 an over.

### West Indies discover their fire | Lacklustre Bowe puts Lewis bout in doubt

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

Bowe is in danger of being shelved indefinitely. While Lewis wants to meet Bowe, it is feared that Bowe's dismai performance and win on a disqualification over Andrew Golota last weekend, may have affected the pay-per-view appeal adversely.
As the bout depends for its

money on pay-per-view, the match may no longer be financially viable. Panos Eliades, Lewis's chief negotiator, said yesterday: "Lennox wants to fight if it is decent money. But if pay-per-view interest has been killed, then the fight's dead."

Lewis's plans are to lift the vacant World Boxing Council title against Oliver McCall in February, then defend it in

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Promier division: Suday Res v

THE proposed bout between September against the winner Lennox Lewis and Riddick of the bout between Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson. Tyson and Holyfield meet in June. The Briton would consider a bout with Bowe after

> Eliades said he did not expect McCall's arrest in Nashville for being drunk and disorderly on Sunday to affect his appearance at a press conference in New York to publicise the bout with Lewis. Eliades also did not think McCall's problems with the police would affect his world title bout with Lewis at the Hilton Las Vegas in any way.

> in the wings is Henry Akinwande, of Britain, the World Boxing Organisation champion, who has also been waiting to meet Lewis should Lewis beat McCall.

### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

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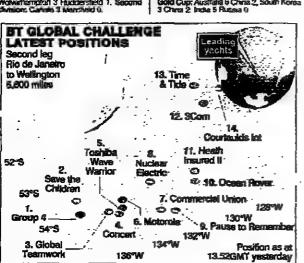
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Wetshpool v Briton Ferry
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To There are two extra coupors (December 26 and January 1) being printed over the Christmas holiday period. ?
Because of the heavy Christmas post, puriters are advised to submit all four coupons by the end of this week.

### Manchester plan built on City moving home John Goodbody on the grounds that must be met by the

anchester City will have to move its home games from Maine Road to the proposed 60.000-seat stadium in Eastlands if the new venue, using £60 million of lottery money, is to be built in Manchester.

As a total of £200 million was yesterday pledged to-wards three facilities, the largest payday from the Government for British sport, Wernbley was confirmed as the English national stadium and will receive £120 million. A new swimming complex in Manchester will get £20 million.

The new Wembley, perhaps with a retractable roof, will cost at least £230 million and will be built after an architectural competition. It will be the

WHILE the Rugby Football Union's dispute with the lead-

ing English dubs may be

grinding towards a conclusion

this week, the Welsh Rugby

Union (WRU) has given a twist to the problems of profes-

sionalism through their rejec-

tion of claims by Welsh

referees which now threaten

the entire club league pro-

The Weish Society of Rugby

Union Referees (WSRUR) has

declared its intention of strik-

ing this weekend unless the WRU reconsiders its claim to

match fees backdated to Au-

gust 31. The society wants this

COVENTRY, who are push-

ing for promotion from the

second division of the Cour-

age Clubs Championship,

have turned down the propos-

al of a merger from Coventry City Football Club and will

recommend to members to-

morrow the acceptance of an

investment from Leander, the

property group (David Hands

committee was clearly disap-pointed with the quality of the

offer from Coventry City, which involved the sale of the

rugby ground at Coundon

Road and relocation to a site

in Earlsdon, which the rugby

club had previously explored.

and found inadequate. How-

The rugby club's general

gramme on Saturday.

2001 world athletics champi-onships, 2006 football World Cup and possibly the Olympic Games in 2008.

Since Wembley Stadium over the past five years has staged annually on average 22 sports and seven entertainment events, it is already financially viable. Most England football internationals, the FA Cup and league cup finals and leading rugby league fixtures will continue to be held there.

However, Sir Rodney Walker, the English Sports Council chairman, said yesterday that the money for the Manchester stadium would be conditional on a long-term programme of use of that stadium". As the Football Association will only

scale applied to officials han-

dling games in the top five divisions of the league, but the

WRU is willing to go back

only so far as December 1, and

only for referees handling the

time left to solve this prob-

lem," Hugh Banfield, the

WSRUR secretary, said Banfield has made himself

available at any time for talks with the WRU, but has been

told that no further meetings

are planned, "At the moment I

cannot see any other scenario

but for us to withdraw our

If no agreement can be

reached by today, many of Wales's poorer clubs may start

Coventry dismiss City merger

ever, Bryan Richardson, the

Coventry City chairman, ex-

pressed surprise that his club's offer had not received a

fuller hearing.

Bedford have been linked

with Rudolf Straeuli, the for-

mer South Africa flanker.

Discussions have taken place.

but it is feared that the price-tag on Straeuli is too high. He

Africa's World Cup-winning

squad and appeared as a replacement in the final but, at 33, he has only a limited

Richmond have had talks

with Rolando Martin, the

Argentina flanker, and

Augustin Pichot, his col-

league, the scrum half who

is a member of South

There doesn't seem enough

top two divisions.

services," he said.

stage in Manchester each year a maximum of one international and an FA Cup semifinal, the arena for 60,000 spectators will not be needed in the North unless City uses

the ground regularly.

Manchester already has a 55,000-seat stadium at Old Trafford. Graham Stringer, the lead-er of Manchester City Council, emphasised yesterday that, when the original presentation was made for Eastlands to be the site of the national stadium, Francis Lee, the chairman.

of Manchester City, was part

cancelling arrangements to travel this weekend, to save

money. The wealthier ones,

such as Cardiff, have already

made inquiries among offici-

als to try to ensure that their game with Swansea will go

ahead since they do not want any interruption of their pro-

gramme before their Heineken Cup semi-final in

No referee will be pressured

into obeying the strike call, if

the society decides that that

We are amateurs at the

course of action is inevitable.

moment and we have told all

our members that, if they wish

to referee during the strike, they may do so," Les Peard,

missed the recent tour

because of Injury. Meanwhile, Bristol and

Leicester meet this evening in

the first division match post-

poned from November 9, with

Leicester, in fourth, bidding to

make up ground on Bath, who are third, having played

one more match. Rob Field-

keeps his place at lock for

Leicester while Matt Poole

recovers full fitness, but Mar-

tin Corry, the Bristol captain,

remains doubtful because of

the ankle injury that kept him out of action for England A

Craig Barrow stands by to

replace Corry for Bristol, who

By Raymond Keene

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

need a win to carry them clear

of the bottom three teams.

Brive on January 5.

of the bidding team.

RUGBY UNION: WELSH OFFICIALS IN DISPUTE OVER PAYMENT OF MATCH FEES

Referees threaten to strike

Although Maine Road once held 84,569, the largest crowd to watch an English club game outside Wembley, it now has a capacity of 32,344. Despite £19 million having been spent on rebuilding there since the Tayfor Report, it lacks any unify-

multimillion pound development of English stadiums

Manchester City would clearly consider moving back from Moss Side towards its original home in the east of the city. Much will depend on whether the supporters would welcome the move and also on how much it will cost City to

He added, though, that the

dispute had endured for 18

months and the society was

happy enough to pay £50,000

for another director of coach-

ing while new development officers are being offered £27,000 a year," he said, "but

they won't agree to pay us £65,340 for a full season of

controlling matches from divi-

Derek Bevan, the leading Weish official, who handled

the 1991 World Cup final, is

among those prepared to take

action. "If the referees do come

out, I hope it will be 100 per

cent," he said. The WRU is embartled over

its £4 million sponsorship agreement with Reebok, the

leisurewear company. Leading players, who have been told that they must wear the

company's products when on national squad duty, claim

that it has cut across existing individual agreements and

Leigh Davies, the Cardiff

centre, is threatened with a

fine by the union for giving a

television interview while in-

act after seeing the perfor-

mance at St Helen's on Satur-

day of Joos Joubert, the Natal

centre, during the A international between Wales and

South Africa. They spoke with

Joubert before he returned

home and will contact him in

the new year to see if he is

interested in joining Swansea.

Appeal lost, page 5

Swansea have been quick to

appropriately attired.

sions one to five."

They the WRU seem

not inclined to back down.

The Eastlands site has al-

Games.

universities in the city. There will be plenty of public use after the Games. The complex ready been cleared and, because a main venue will be will cost £29 million. Wembley now has to look at needed for the 2002 Commonwealth Games, a stadium the various options for the must be built there for the stadium. It must also decide athletics and opening and whether to build the venue in closing ceremonies. However, stages over three years (when unless Manchester City does the capacity would be drasti-

modarion for nearly 70,000

students and staff of the three

give a commitment for use cally curtailed) or to knock after 2002, there would just be down the existing structure an athletics stadium with a and erect a new arena in an small permanent stand and a estimated three years, during large amount of temporary which time events such as seating for the duration of the England internationals and the FA Cup Final would be The Manchester swimming moved elsewhere.

complex is more feasible. It The twin towers will be kept will be situated 14 miles closer and there will be a new access to the city centre, right in the route to the North Circular

Ello million in the total cost of £230 million will come from private companies and, probably, from football Graham Kelly, the FA chief

executive, confirmed: "In prin-ciple, football will be an investor, if, of course, we get the right deal. The FA, FA Premier League and Football League may all consider investments." A retractable roof could,

however, cause problems. Alan Coppin, the chief executive of Wembley plc, said: "As the Amsterdam Arena has shown, there are enormous difficulties in having playable grass pitches with a retractable roof and, for concerts, there are also problems with the sound. We are not con-vinced about it."

IN BRIEF

### Agassi will return to **Davis Cup** action

ANDRE AGASSI will open his tennis season in 1997 by making his first appearance in two years for the United States Davis Cup team when it travels to Brazil for a firstround match in February. Agassi, who this month announced he would not play in the Australian Open in January so that he could rest, made his last cup appearance in a 1995 semi-final against Sweden, when he injured his

shoulder. Monica Seles, who broke a finger at an exhibition tournament two weeks ago, has begun practising at her Flori-da home wearing a splint in an attempt to be fit to defend her Australian Open title.

### **Defence first**

Rugby league: Referees will be encouraged to give defences more time to complete tackles and attacking players must have both arms off the ground before playing the ball next season in an attempt to slow the game and give defenders more of a say.

Other changes that come into effect on January 25, when professional clubs enter the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. include the zero tackle, applying to all tackles after the hand-over regardless of whether the ball is passed first, and a rule forbidding tackles on a player catching a high ball until both his feet are on the ground.

### Rosset for Lola

Motor racing: Lola, the Cam-bridge-based Formula One team, yesterday signed Ricardo Rosset, the Brazilian driver, and Vincenzo Sospiri, of Italy, to spearhead their grand prix challenge next season. Rosset was dropped by TWR Arrows when they signed Damon Hill, the world

### Dolphins splash

American football: Joe Nedney kicked three field goals and Dan Marino threw a touchdown pass to OJ McDuffie as Miami Dolphins prevented Buffalo Bills from clinching a play-off place with a 16-14 victory. Buffalo's loss secured the AFC East title for New England Patriots.

### Record breaker

Rowing: Peter Goodchild. 26. of Vesta Rowing Club, easily beat the six-day sculling record for the 180-mile trip from Lechlade, Gloucestershire, to the Thames Barrier when he arrived at his destination yesterday, less than three days after setting off, during which he was actively rowing



Thomas Sykora, of Austria, won his second World Cup slalom race of the season at Madonna Di Campiglio, Italy. yesterday, but Alberto Tomba, in front of his home supporters, above, snatched the limelight with a remarkable second place on his return from injury. Sykora, who has also had a second place and leads the slalom competition after three races, had an official combined time of Imin 37.90sec on the resort's Canalone Miramonti piste. Tomba, the world and former Olympic champion, who will be 30 tomorrow, clocked imin 38.48sec and Schastien Amiez, of France, who fell heavily in the warm-up, was close behind in Imin 38.52sec. It was always going to be Tomba's

day regardless of the outcome, but the result was much more than even the most faithful of his followers — who turned out in force with klaxons and banners expected of him. "After the American races, when there were not so many people, it was a real boost to see so many here, even on a Tuesday." Tomba, who watched the first two slaloms, held in Park City and Breckenridge, on television, said. Racing for the first time since March. Tomba was eighth after the first leg -Sykora was third — but then turned up the power with the fastest second leg time of 51.35sec. He caught a gate in the face on the first leg and was slightly

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# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent When the durarry has a long side suit but is short in trumps, it is frequently the right defence to force dummy to ruff. This is a

hand from the English trials. Senior and I were West and East. East-West game eKQ7 +AJ18974 **VK9843 VAQ10765** · KQB. +QJ42 **#J98432 A73** • 5 **#AKSS** West's Two Hearts was a

"weak two". The first trick went seven, jack and ace. Declarer played a diamond to the ace and ruffed a diamond before playing a spade to the king and ace. If East now plays a club and declarer olays low, declarer is home. After West ruffs, declarer will have two entries to dummy (a heart ruff and the queen of spades) to establish and cash

the diamonds. I eventually managed to work this out (Senior said that it took me too long), and so I returned a heart, attacking dummy's trumps. After this, declarer's best chance was to ruff out the diamonds and play a trump to dummy. hoping to find them 2-2. When the trumps were 3-1, his remaining chance was that

holding the queen and jack. So he played a club off durnmy. eventually went two

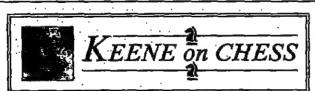
At the other table, the con-tract was Five Spades redoubled. West led his singleton club, and Graham Kirby, our team-mate, played on trumps immediately. East won and returned the two of clubs. West ruffed and played a diamond, interpreting East's two of clubs as a request for the lower-ranking suit. Now, Kirby was able to establish the diamonds and make the contract. A heart return by West after his club ruff defeats the contract by removing an entry

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

were 3-2 with East WORD-WATCHING . By Philip Howard

CARRAGEEN a. A Portuguese warship b. Edible seaweed c. Pub chatter

PREE a. To spy on b. A meadow c. A foretaste RICHARDINE a. An apple b. Heraldic brown c. A troubador's song REBUTTER a. Margarine b. A spare tup c. A reply



exd5 Bd6 Bxc5 Bxd1 Qc7 Nc7 Nc7 h6 b5 Rd8 Kramnik's brilliance After his loss to Ivanchuk in the fifth round, Vladimir Kramnik struck back to win the best game of the Las Palmas tournament so far. against Viswanathan Anand Qc4 Rx07 Qx04 Qc4 Qc1+ Qc4+ Qc1+ Qc4+ Qh1+ Qc4+ in the sixth. After a complex tactical sequence in the opening. Kramnik traded in his queen for rook and bishop and a powerful passed pawn in the centre. Having successfully evaded Black's attempts to force a draw by perpetual check. White was in a position to force the promotion of his passed pawn. The game proved a pleasant contrast to the aura of caution and high mut-

ual respect that has characterised many other games in this elite competition. White: Vladimir Kramnik Black: Viswanathan Anand Las Palmas, December 1996 **English Opening** 3 g3 4 Bg2 5 0-0 Bb7 e6 **一般正然立刻也** 

> d5 Nxd5 Nxc3 Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in Crosstable after six rounds at Las Palmas

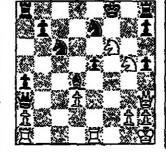
sents a win, 1/2 a draw and 0 a loss

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

7 Re1 8 cxd5

White to play. This position is from the game Perez - Lee. correspondence, 1995. White has sacrificed a bishop to weaken the black king. Can you see how he now made the most of his opponent's lack of king protection and his own



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troubled by bruising under his right eye.

### **EQUESTRIANISM**

### Whitaker leads the revamped parade

By JENNY MACARTHUR

est ranked British rider, and his three Olympic team-mates, Nick Skelton, Geoff Billington and Michael Whitaker, head the home entry for the 25th Olympia Internationai Show Jumping Champion-ships, which begin today in The Grand Hall, Olympia. The show, the brainchild of

JOHN WHITAKER, the high-

the late Raymond Brooks-Ward, is set for a bumper week. Sponsorship has doubled: the prize-money has been increased to £220,000; the BBC, which ended its nightly broadcast two years ago, is returning to cover the Volvo World Cup qualifier on Saturday and six out of the ten performances are already sold out. In the inaugural year Brooks-Ward went out into Kensington High Street to

The show's success is based on a mix of serious showjumping and fun events. While Lorenzo, the flying Frenchman, and the Shetland Pony grand national help to take care of the latter, the international showjumpers taking part include Germany's two Olympic team gold medal-winners. Ludger Beerbaum, winner of the Olympia World Cup qualifier last year, and Franke Sloothaak, the world champion.

give away tickets.

The Ireland entry includes Peter Charles, the European Rodrigo Pessoa, the Olympic team bronze medal-winning rider whose father, Nelson, won the first Olympia Puis-sance in 1972. Jordan have their first representative at the

show in Princess Haya Bint Al-Husain, the daughter of King Husain. The powerful Dutch contingent is led by Jos Lansink, the winner of the

1994 World Cup. John Whitaker, whose children Robert and Louise compete in this afternoon's Petplan Family Pairs Relay, has never won the Olympia qualifier but, with two onform horses from which to best hope. He will ride either Welham, on which he won the Berlin qualifier last month and was runner-up in the Geneva Grand Prix last weekend, or Grannusch who won the grand prix in Maastricht three weeks ago. Whitaker, who is joint 25th

in the Western League - from which the top 19 qualify for the World Cup final in April - will decide between the two later in the week. Skelton, the winner of the World Cup last year, has no doubts about his ride for Saturday. He will again partner Dollar Girl in an attempt to reverse last year's result when Beerbaum relegated him to second place by one-hundreth of a second. Michael Whitaker, still

without his two top horses Two Step and Midnight Madness, will continue his partnership with Ashley. on which he was runner-up in the Millstreet Grand Prix in Ireland last month. Billington's sights are set on tomorrow night's inaugural Vink Christmas Masters, a competition in which the fences - and the prize-money - are raised each prize of £21,000.

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### Be a good sport and laugh with the best

ith the year on its last knockings and the new year already filled with talk about the televising of A Dance to the Music of Time, this might be the last moment for years in which it is intellectually respectable to quote

Anthony Powell. Which brings us to Widmerpool's overcoat. As Powell hands us this early clue about the extraordinary nature of his man, he explains that this singular and in-

appropriate garment was recognised almost immediately as a traditionally ludicrous aspect of everyday life". A perfect phrase.

for us all' There are faint echoes of pantomime, of the commedia dell'arte behind Powell's Dance; and there are echoes of pantomime everywhere in sport. Sport fulfils our need for triumph and disaster, but it cannot do so without also becoming a traditionally

ludicrous aspect of everyday life. It is a poor person that does not enjoy the triumphs and disasters of the sporting round; in the same way. it is perhaps a still more impoverished soul that fails to take pleasure in the flagrantly preposterous nature

Take the England cricket team. It has become one of those staples of

of both Wednesday and Manchester United that a far more significant sporting event is taking

Games in Nagano, Japan.

around the corner.

in the past 30 years.

focus for stock humour as the mother-in-law jokes of the pantomime comic. After all, the England team members are the best cricketers that England possess.

Oh no they're not! Oh yes they are! And that last response, the truth, is the best and cruellest punch line. Amusing enough at home, abroad the England cricket team turns into the funniest show in sport, the

'Such defeats

are treats

humour more acute for the fact that the aware of it.

Look behind you, here come Mashonaland! Such jokes as England's defeat by this mighty cricketing

entity are surely the lifeblood of sport. We in newspapers do our best to add to the galety by listing "England's worst ten peformances overseas": yes, remember defeat by Holland? Such moments are treats for us all and need to be recalled every once in a while, for the simple pleasure of it. Old jokes are, after all, the best jokes.

Rugby union has always been an area rich in unconscious humour. The political wranglings of the past year have been consistently hilarious: how splendid of the chaps to cap it all with a memorable match against Argentina. Which of us did not feel a SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

frisson of disappointment when England spoilt the last act of the panto by iust — winning?

Football is not a sport to spare us low comedy. The tale of Emerson and his wife's extraordinary preference for the Copacabana over Teesside has provided much pleasure. Indeed, the whole Middlesbrough saga has been full of delights.

Wimbledon, of course, have long been a traditionally ludicrous aspect of football and it is a part they play for all they are worth. Their present dizzy ranking in the Premiership is

Andrew Longmore on a Canadian flavour to Britain's Olympic bid

'Imports' put accent on national pride

Vinnie Jones to paint the lily. The old pantomime villain of sport has been busy hamming up his own role. His latest exploit has been to insult his own team-mates, a nice

move when team spirit and Jones's leadership are the best things Wimbledon have going for them. The thing about pantomime is that it can change in a moment from

ludicrous menace to abject sentimentality. So now we have Jones back in his heart-of-gold diamond geezer mode, asking forgiveness from everyone in sight. Yes, Vinnie is a reformed

character. Again. There is also a tale doing the rounds about the player who went to Southampton because the manager, Graeme Souness, was swayed by a telephoned recommendation from George Weah, the AC

Milan megastar, no less. Ali Dia got a game as a sub (for Matthew Le Tissier, no less), but has since been accused of being an imposter, along with the telephoning pseudo-Weah Souness wears his custard pie manfully while Dia is protesting his innocence - and hoping for a trial with Carlisle

There is scarcely an aspect of sport

This is true even of sport's grimmest moments. The death of Ayrton Senna was indeed a dreadful thing but sport, even at its most serious, cannot altogether dispense with its burden of preposterousness.

So the Italian legal system has landed with all its pomp on the sport of motor racing. The terrible event of the crash is now set about with a kind of opera buffa, a black farce of lawyers and sporting

millionaires which is

the more painfully absurd for the black horror that inspired it.

Perhaps, this being

the pantomime sea-

'Look behind you, here come Mashonaland'

son, this column should make a joke. What is black and brown and looks good on a lawyer? A Dobermann. Ho, ho. Sport is glorious, heartlifting, ennobling: and patently absurd. If it were not absurd, we would not bother with it. Sport enriches us, not in spite of but because of its utter triviality. Sport is preposterous or it is

nothing. Those who cannot see the glory and the delight of sport are Philistines. But those that cannot delight in sport as a traditionally ludicrous aspect of everyday life are worse. They lack humour and to lack humour is to lack

### Silent night,

# Burns's night

Toasting the Lassies. Radio 2.9.00pm.

Utterly charming, Gill Bowman's one-woman show featuring the love songs of Robbie Burns is, at 30 minutes, far, far, too short, and her audience far, far too unresponsive. Could it be possible, I asked myself, that they had taken a vow of silence? Bowman imagines a dinner party that an Edinburgh merchant's wife is giving in Burns's honour. While she awaits his arrival one night in 1796 — as Burns scholars will not need reminding, the date is a fateful one — she chats and sines her way through an account of the poet's amorous activiand sings her way through an account of the poet's amorous activities. I felt my eyes growing moist as she sang her own arrangement of Auld acquaintance to a small guitar. This alone would explain why Toasting the Lassies was such a hit at the 1994 Edinburgh Festival.

Candy is Dandy". Radio 4, 7.20pm.

"But liquor is quicker". That is how Ogden Nash completes the line in the title of Russell Davies's feature about the great American rhymster. Would anyone else have dared rhyme cuticke with flutickle? Or shrewdly state such a universal truth as "The song of canaries' never varies"? And what about the question most of us will have considered at some time in our lives yet left it to Nash to enunciate: "God in his wisdom made the fly/ and then forgot to tell us why? As for enjerams, would not even Oscar Wilde have been proud why"? As for epigrams, would not even Oscar Wilde have been proud to have perned this one: "Progress is great — but it's gone on too

7.00em Chris Evans9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa ("Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler, includes the Chart Hour and at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, with Jo Whitey and Steve Lamacq 9.00 Z Magazine, with news leatures and Interviews 10.00 Mark Radicitie, live from Manchester 12.00 Claire Sturgess, includes at 12.15mm. The Net 4.00 Clive Warren RADIO 2

to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmiy Young 1.30pim Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Siewert 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd, with Folk on 2 9.00 The Inner Temple (4/4) 8.30 Digance. Cornedy in song with Richard Digance (4/5) 9.00 Toast-ing the Lassias See Choica 9.30 Carlo Curley, Pavarotti of the Organ (1/4) 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05em. Stave

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5.00am Morring Reports, Incl. at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breeklast Programme, Incl. at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 6.35 The Magazine, with Diana Macili. 12.00 Médday with Melr, Incl. at 12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Riuscoe on Five. 4.00 Nationaide 7.00 News Extra, Incl. at 7.20 Sports Bulletin 7.35 Theore Brooking's Football Night. Sheffield Wednesday v Manchester United 10.05 The Baker Line 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerié Senderson Includes at 11.15 The Financial World Tookhit. 12.05eep. After

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy War 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Philip Hodson 2.00pm Torniny Boyd 4.00 Peter Desley 7.00 Sports

TALK RADIO

### WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. News on the hour 5.30 mp Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Discovery 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Andy Kershaw 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.30 Pick of the World 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Composer of the Month 2.05 Outdook 2.30 Megamer 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Concert Half 4.15 World Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 4.30 BBC English 4.45 Britain Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 8.30 Discovery 7.01 Outdook 7.25 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Mediana No Sports Roundup 8.30 Discovery 7.01 Outdook 7.25 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Medician On Screen tract, 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britein Today 9.30 Meridian On Screen 10.30 World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.10 Science View 11.15 Country Style 11.30 Mustrack 12.30am From Our Own Correspondent 12.46 Britain Today 1.30 Outlook 1.55 Words of Falkh 2.30 Assignment 3.15 Sport 3.30 Meridian Books 4.30 Europa Today

4.00mm Mark Gdiffiths 6.00 Mike Read 3.00 James Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata, Telemann (Recorder Sonata in Diminor) 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Concert Glinka (Russian and Ludmille, Overture): Sibelius (Tapiole, Op 112), Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3 in G, K

### VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast Experience 10,00 Greitem Dene 1,00pan Jeremy Clark 4,00 Nocky Home 7,00 Psul: Coyte (FMI) / Robin Banks (AM) 10,00 Mark Forrest 2,00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew

(Rissorgsky, orch Ravel (Pictures at an Echibition) 8.50 An Advent Calendar 9,00 Morning Collection. Includes Brahms (Tragic Overture); Mendelssohn (Str Songs without Words, Op 28 (Book 3); Haydh (String Cuerter in C, Op 76 No 1 Emperor)

Includes Handel (Minuet, Includes Handel (Minuet, Water Music): Handel (Sing unto God): Mozart (Oboe Quartet in F, K370); Bruckner (Fantasy in G); Gottlified von Enern (String Quertet No 1); Elgar (Overture Alassid); Somervet (A Stropshire Lad); Warlock (I Saw a Fair Maiden);

12.00 Composers of the Week: Emest Chausson and Henri Dupatre

Duparc pm News; Birminghem Lunchtime Concert. Pa Lunchtime Concert. Paul Whelan, baritone, Julius Virlagi, plano. Ravel (Cinq Melodies Populaires Grecques); Duparc (Phidyle; Le Manoir de Rosemonde; Chanson Triste; Le Vie Anterieure; La Vague et la Cloche); Elena Firsova (No, Not a Migraine); Ravel (Don Quichotte a Dulcinee)

2.00 Midweek Cholce, with Susan Sharpe, Includes Dofmanyi (Passacaglia); Elgar (Violin Sonata in E minor, Op 82); Herris (Surenberg No. 6) Harris (Symphony No 6)

5.00 The Music Mecrany 5.15 in Tune, with Jererry Nicholes, Includes Verdi, arr Mackerias (Tarantella (The Mackerias Ha Foof): Gabriell contata): Nocati (Charles of Concerto in A, Kase)
7.30 A Grand, Mysterious Harmony. An exploration into the symphonic legacy of Anton Bruckner a century

after his death (12/14)
9,10 Fernmes de Siècle: Food as a Fernale Fetish. With Susie

a Femsia Febsi. Wat Susie Orbach, Fay Weldon and Nicola Barker 9.35 Robert Cohen cello, Elizabeth Burley, piano. Fauré (Après un Réve, Op 7, No1; Papillon, Op 77); Rozsa (Duo, On 8)

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10.00 Volces, Iain Burnside introduces a racital of Sibalius songs given leat October at the Wigmore Hall, London, by Firnish baritone Jorma Hymnian and pianist likta Paananen, Indudes The First Kiss; The Tryst; Theodors; Astray, Driftwood; To Evening Was It a Dream?

10.45 Night Waves. From the esoteric arts of the antiquarian cookbook to the cutting-edge style of designer restaurants, Humphrey Carpenter takes a seasonal took at the culture of food and

look at the culture of food and 11.30 Composer of the Weeks Simpson (r)
12.30am Jezz Notes. Robert Altman talks about his new film Kansas City, and Steve Voce talks to Oscar Peterson 1.00 Terrough the Wight

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6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Quote ... Unquote, With Jon
Glover, Gemma O'Connor,
Derek Parker and Times
columnist Matthew Parts (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Candy is Dandy ... See
Choice (r)

Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek (FM) with Times columnist Libby Purves and guests 9.00 Test Match Special; Zimbabwe v England (LW). Coverage from Bulawayo News; A Good Read (FM). A new literary series with Mark

10.00 Daily Service (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM),
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10.30 Test Watch Special (LW)

11.30 Gerdeners' Question Time
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12.00 News; You and Yours (FM),

with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm King Street Junior (FM), by Jim Eldridge. Starring Karl Howman and James Grout (4/8) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.07 Test Match Special (LW) 1.40 The Archers (FM) (r) 1.55

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4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
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Christmas, by Catherine

Thompson looks at the work of the artist's model (r) 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bectime: The Great Pursuit, by Tom Sharps. Read by Wille Rushton (8/10) 11.00 Goodness Gracious Me (r) 11.30 Date with Fate (FM), by Phil

Whelans and Gary Parker. A man is trapped by a little white Se (1/4)

11.45 The Joys of Yiddish (FM) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)

12.00 News incl 12.27em approx

Choice (r) 8.05 Points of Reference: South.

Four programmes examining what the points of the compass mean to us (3/4) 8.35 Perchance to Dream. An

exploration of the latest research from the world

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Weather 12.30 The Late Book: Midnight Tates (3/5) (r) 12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

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Hand, left, the best British ice hockey player of his generation, has not represented his country for two years because of the "overseas players" policy

### **GROUP A**

country for two years, his disillusion prompted by the flood of Canadian players swamping the game at club and international level. Of the 22-man squad that has taken Britain to the verge of qualification, only a third have been born and raised here. The rest are dual citizens, who were either born in Britain and moved to Canada early in their lives, or born and brought up in Canada, claiming a place on the British team through their parents' nationality.

There are too many imported players," Hand has said. "It is very hard for junior players to come through the ranks, and that is sad." But while Hand can understand the need for clubs in the newly-formed Superleague to buy instant success, he feels that the national team should

mean what it says. This is not just ice hockey's problem, of course. Lennox Lewis was born in East Ham, but moved to Canada in childhood before returning to the land of his birth to box for Britain. Greg Rusedski qualified to play tennis in the Davis Cup because his mother was born in Dewsbury and he had lived with his girlfriend in Purley for three years. But when the

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whole national team speaks with a Canadian accent, it is not surprising that a few eyebrows are raised.

Replying to criticism levelled against the policy by Norman de Mesquita, ice hockey correspondent of The Times, Peter Woods, the Great Britain coach, wrote in the Basingstoke Bison programme: "You do not have any concept what it means to be committed to a cause and chase a dream. I was born in Canada, my parents, brother and sister were all born in the UK. I have lived in Europe the past six years and I'm extremely proud of my British heritage. I get shivers when I hear the national anthem, I like driving on the

right-hand side of the road, I eat fish and chips and drink afternoon tea. "If the British national team quali-

fies for the Nagano Olympics, it will have the same impact that Torvill and Dean had on the explosion of ice skating." Should Britain beat Switzerland

and, as they should, qualify for one of the remaining places in Nagano by finishing in the top five of an eightteam elimination tournament in February, the benefits to the sport would extend way beyond the £500,000 Olympic grant from the Sports

"You can't begin to wonder how much higher the profile of the sport would be on television and in the press," Joanne Collins, the secretary of the Ice Hockey Players' Association, said.

"We could set up a proper coaching structure, pay for more ice time and develop more British players. Ideally, the coach would like to play with a true blue-blooded British team, but that's not going to happen in the next ten years."

Alex Dampier, the Canadian-born dual national who has been the most successful coach in British ice hockey over the past 20 years, has seen the story from both sides. During his time as coach of the Britain team, he was restricted by official or unofficial

quotas on Canadian-born players. He has also been instrumental in the development of the best of the British players, from Hand to David Longstaff, the most talented of the new crop of home-grown players.
"Players like David have been

stretched by having to compete so much harder for places," he said. "Before, they were almost guaranteed a place in a club team because of the restrictions on imports. A lot of the guys on the national team were born here and have just come back, so I can understand why they get angry about the criticism. Some, I have to say, didn't know Edinburgh from Pittsburgh."

### SNOW REPORTS

(b) A type of purplish-red, edible seaweed found in the North Atlantic, and used for making soup and a kind of blancmange, and also as an emulsifying and gelling agent. Also called Irish moss. "You have excelled yourself, yet again, Hortense. There is no other description for your surprise pudding than the purest carrageen." ANDORRA 50 good varied lai (Good skiing; all pistes open) Soldeu AUSTRIA Kitzbühei tair varied (Pistes above mid-stations skiing well, 39 of 60 kits open)
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pain around the knee. Yesterday Time 8 Tide. which was in thirteenth position, was due to rendezvous with 3Com, which was just a few miles ahead of her, so that extra painkillers could be

### Storms and injury delay Time & Tide By Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent

SAILING

A MEMBER of the disabled transferred to keep West comcrew on board the BT Global Challenge yacht, Time & Tide, fortable until he arrives in Wellington in about two

has been confined to his bunk with splints on his leg after a fall in the cockpit as the boat was being swept by winds of Brendan West, an amputee

who lost a leg in a car crash while serving with the Army in Germany, joined the race in Rio de Janeiro and is thought to have fallen badly on Monday when another crew member collided with him in the cockpit. His good leg - which was rebuilt using metal pins after his accident in 1979 - is now causing him considerable

weeks' time. At the head of the fleet Mike Golding's Group 4 and Andy Hindley's Save The Children had opened up a gap on the chasing pack, led by Merfyn Owen on Global Teamwork,

about 50 miles astern. Golding

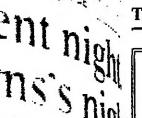
is again in the lead but there is

little to choose between him

and Hindley, both of whom have around 2,000 miles still to sail to Wellington. The tough conditions are continuing to tire the crews and test their patience. On Ocean Rover, languishing in tenth position and not showing the speed in heavy weather that her crew had claimed, there were winds of 50 knots across the deck yesterday.

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# THE TIMES WEDNESDAY DECENDED BY THE TIMES WERE BY THE TIMES WE THE TIMES WERE BY THE TIMES WENDED BY THE TIMES WERE BY THE TIMES WERE BY THE TIMES WERE BY THE

go with his fashionable flattop. Instead, Berry had to go 12 rounds with the charmless Respect (ITV) from Richard La Plante, who seems to have been watching too

many Rocky videos. The result? Well, straight round to the Broadcasting Standards people for starters. A scene that involved a head-butt, a cosh and a full-blooded kick to the groin had no place in a drama that started before the 9 o'clock watershed. Quite pointlessly, the producers have played straight into Nanny

Bottomley's hands. The scene also had no place in a script that sought to be taken seriously. Were we really supposed to believe that having just been beaten up, a known drug dealer would be straight round to the police shouting "it was him, it was that

boxing gym and do you know? He never heard from that nasty, armed and dangerous drug dealer again. Just like real life, then.

Watching Respect was like signing up for serial disappointment. It had a strong cast, it looked great and Berry's new haircut had opened up a whole range of dramatic possibilities; and yet time and again it all came to a halt as the script had a bit of a rethink or lobbed in superfluous sentiment.

Every now and then a new character would appear — to no apparent purpose. Suddenly, Carr had a brother. Suddenly, the bro-ther had a girlfriend. Suddenly, we were having to listen to dialogue such as: "You look like you've seen a ghost?" "I've only heard Trevor Nye planning a ram raid.

Then there was the problem of

taking drugs and robbing building societies, the next he was back in the ring again. It was the same with Carr's predictably estranged wife, Rosie (Jayne Ashbourne), who attacked her predictably mis-understood husband first for taking another fight and then for planning to take a dive in it without pausing for breath.

There were pluses. The boxing scenes were as good as I've seen on television; Berry and Ashbourne turned in decent performances as the eventually reunited Carrs and Carol Harrison was excellent as Rosie's nononsense mum, Veronica. Yup, that's all of them.

A similar plague of non sequi-turs affected The Seventh Wonder



Matthew Bond

damaging effect. One minute it was a particular inscription that would confirm that the huge pieces of stone littering the bottom of Alexandria harbour were the re-mains of the lighthouse of Pharos, the next it was two giant statues of Mr and Mrs Ptolemy II. It didn't matter, because this was a quite fascinating story.

Much of the fascination

of the World (BBC2) but to far less stemmed from simple jaw-drop-

moved among the divers, it picked out a sphinx here, a colossus there and bits of obelisk all over the

place. Spellbinding.
Believing that what we were being shown was the remains of the lighthouse rather than some flooded architectural salvage yard was still a big step, especially after it became clear that some of the stonework was a thousand years too old. Only here, I suspect, could the deciphering of 3,000-year-old hieroglyphics spell disappoint-ment. R-A-M... Rameses 11, merde.

But the French archaeologists were sure (lighthouses, after all, spell headlines and headlines spell more research funds) and called upon their British colleague, Honor Frost, to confirm their findings. For having gently led us to believe

been done before - 30 years ago. by Frost and an Egyptian diver. They had even raised a statue -Mrs Ptolemy as it turned out, Now came the opportunity to see the husband's statue, in situ on the

Trost may be 75 but she was in her wet-suit and underwater before you could say sphinx. In a film short of hard archaeological evidence, this was one of many magical moments that made up

There will be those who saw Network First Conspicuous Con-sumption (ITV) as a hatchet job, an own goal scored by the gullible management of Harvey Nichols, the department store. But not 1. Shopping is a fundamentally silly occupation and shopping in

ping disbelief that so much ancient that this was the first time the five the sort of fashionable emporium acre site had been surveyed, the that is Harvey Nicks, "where luxuries become essentials", doubly, nay trebly, so. But silly as it is, it is also - the weeks before Christmas notwithstanding - a hugely enjoyable occupation and on no account to be taken seriously.

Put something on and friends really do say: "it's horrible...no. horrible is too strong a word". Browse through a rail and you do find yourself saying "that's the exact T-shirt I need for the summer, except I want it in white". True. I have never found myself saying: "You've got to stick with the nood, it's got to be nood ... you've got the wrong nood." but that's because I don't wear

tights and I'm not American. I liked Nick Lord's film but I'd have liked it even more if he'd had a bit more material to fill his allotted hour. One thing they do teach you at Harvey Nicks — never

### THE BOLL 6.00em BUSINESS BREAKFAST (30298) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (94995) 8.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (1760418) 9.20 STYLE CHALLENGE (4643437)

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Consumer advice (5163383) 11.45 SMILLIE'S PEOPLE (5337514) 12.00 NEWS (T) and weather (4870447) 12.05pm POLICE RESCUE (1) (8063234) 12.55 THE WEATHER SHOW (35827505) 1.00 NEWS (i) and weather (64654)

1.30 REGIONAL NEWS (T) (36870334) 1.40 NEIGHBOURS (1) (29513470) 2.00 Call My Bluff (9857) 2.30 A Week in the Country (876) 3.00 incognito (1692) 3.30 ANTS IN YOUR PANTS (5784418) 3.50 Chucklevision (5784554) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (T) (1601692) 4.35 The Queen's Nose (T) (7497505) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5055166) 5.10 Blue Peter, includes an interview with Danny

DeVito (T) (8357673) 5.35 NEIGHBOURS (r) (T) (207050). 6.00 NEWS (1) and weather (505) **6.30 REGIONAL NEWS (857)** 

7.00 SMALL TALK Last in series (T) (3673) 7.30 HERE AND NOW Sue Lawley and the learn present more investigations and profiles of people making the news. Last n series (T) (741)

#8.00 HOW DO THEY DO THAT? In the last of the series, Earnonn Holmes and Esther McVey reveal some of the surprising objects that have been used to create sound effects for BBC programmes (1)

8.50 POINTS OF VIEW (1) (509418) 9.00 NEWS (1), regional news and weather

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10.15 HARRY ENFIELD AND CHUMS Last in series (r) (T) (423925) 10.45 NIGHTMARE THE BIRTH OF HORROR — Drucula Christopher Frayling explores the back-ground to Bram Stoker's creation (1)

(846418) 11.35 FRANKENSTEIN -THE TRUE STORY Concluding the two-part adaptation of Mary Shalley's classic tale starring James Mason (T) (864470) 1.10em FTLM: Countass Dracula (1970) starring Ingrid Pitt, Nigel Green and Peter lettrey. Hammer horror yam about an egeing Hungarian countess who bathes in virgins' blood to preserve her beauty. Directed by Peter Saady (3787971)

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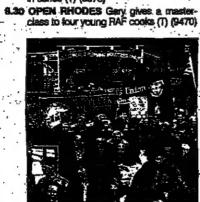
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6.00am OPEN UNIVERSITY: Filight Simulators and Robots (7535302) 6.25 Designer Rides (7554437) 6.50 Deadly Cuarrels (8868499) 7.15 See Hear Breakdast News (2887586) 7.30 The Legend of Prince Vallent (5708470) 7.50 It'll Never Work (5719586) 8.15 Fiddley Kill Never Work (5/19586) 8.15 Fiddley Foodle Bird (5454673) 8.25 Christopher Cococolle (5454673) 8.25 Christopher Cococolle (5454673) 8.25 The Record (6845692) 9.00 The Complete Guide to the 20th Century (1540692) 9.10 The Village of Jaza (5253586) 10.00 Playdays (2213437) 10.25 The Champions (8040012) 11.15 The Phil Silvers Show (1272980) 11.40 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (2082447) 12.00 Operation Survival (82220 124 20mm Medicine) Lunch (80505) Mars (2082447) 12.00 Operation Survival (62234) 12.30pm Working Lunch (80505) 1.00 Christopher Crocodile (82048944) 1.05 Fiddley Foodle Bird (99611925) 1.15 FiLM: The Wicked Lady (1945; b/w) Swashbuckling tale with Margaret Lockwood and James Mason (72313925) 3.00 News (7909470) 3.05 Westminster (2250708) 3.35 News (6719876) 4.00 Today's the Day (470) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (654) 5.00 The Oprah-Wintrey Show (4486673) 5.40 Mary Berry (689091) 5.55 Turning Points (599168) WALES: Plaid Cymru Broadcast WALES: Plaid Cymru Broadcast ...

6.00 STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION

6.45 BOLLYWOOD OR BUSTI The final of the quiz on Bombay's film Industry (787418) 7.30 FROM THE EDGE (1) (383) : 8.00 TRUST ME, I'M A DOCTOR Should we

add folic acid or vitamin B to flour to prevent heart disease and strokes? Last in series (1) (8073)



Protest merch on Merseyalde (9pm)

Flickering Flame Ken Loach champions the cause of the dismissed Liverpool dockers (1) (716857)

ENTERPRISE CULTURE REVISITED: Making a about entrepreneurs we catch up with David McCann and David Atkinson to see 1990s (T) (594383) 10.30 NEWSNIGHT (T) (388079)

11.15 LOOKING FOR TAT (286168) 11.25 HIS FATHER'S SONG (299295) 11.50 THE HISTORY MAN (628079) 12 OO THE MIDNIGHT HOUR (57838)

12.30mm THE LEARNING ZONE: Open University: Powers of the President (88428): 1.30 Global Pirms in the ising East (18068) 2.00 Believing: The Long Search/Falth to Faith (98249) 4.00 BBC Focus: English Heritage (92161) 4.30 Modern Apprenticeships (82155) 5.00 Heelth and ty at Work (30258) 5.30 The Adviser

### CHOICE

Modern Times: The Flickering Flame BBC2, 9.00pm

In September 1995 more than 300 Liverpool dockers were sacked for refusing to cross a picket line. More than a year later they are still idle while their work is done by non-union labour. In law they have a weak case. Their union, the Transport and General Workers, has been reluctant to get involved in an unofficial dispute. But the men have workers, has been rejuctant to get involved in an unofficial dispute. But the men have found a champion in Ken Loach, a filmmaker from unreconstructed Old Labour. His documentary charting the progress of the dispute crackles with Liverpudlian working-class anger. In Loach's account the struggle is about employers wanting to go back to the bad old days of casual labour when men were hired by the day and had no security. It may be a partial view but since security. It may be a partial view but since the film's twin villains, the TGWU and the employers, both declined to be interviewed it has to go unchallenged.

Enterprise Culture Revisited: Making a Million BBC2, 9.50pm

In the booming 1980s two disciples of Thatcherism set out to make their fortune and both worked punishingly long hours to earn it. Dave McCann. a no-nonsense Londoner, sold pub games and office equipment and ran a shoeshine business. In Cumbria baulier David Alkinson made his Cumbria haulier David Atkinson made his money selling Take District rocks as ornamental garden stone. Television featured them both at the height of their success in 1989. Now the cameras return to see how the pair have survived the chill 1990s. Both were hit badly when the boom ended. Atkinson wisely diversified into general haulage. Ever inventive, McCammruns a hotel in Margate for the overweight called, wait for it, Fairy Towers. Both are still driven by the spirit of the 1980s, but now admit that there is more to life than money.

Nightmare: The Birth of Horror BBC1; 10.45pm

an unlikely source. Abraham (Bram) Stoker was a pillar of late Victorian respectability who would probably have been appalled to hear Dracula discussed as a parable of repressed sexual desire. Christopher Frayling enjoys the irony that the book appeared in the same year, 1897, as Sigmund Freud started to research in earnest. Frayling's account of the genesis of Dracula reaches back far into the 19th century before following the six-year gestation of the book with the help of Stoker's papers and diaries. The Germans were the first to film the Dracula story, in the 1920s, but without asking permission. Stoker's widow sued and tried to have the prints destroyed. It was only which these have now been more than 200.

Pond Life Channel 4, 11.25pm

The scheduling of Candy Guard's witty animation continues to dely reason. So far it has gone out far too early for an adult, though by no means offensive, show. Now, for the two final episodes, it goes out absurdly late. Admittedly one of the two sees now. Polly the permanent non-achiever. poor Dolly, the permanent non-achiever, going to the Glastonbury Festival, getting high on drugs, taking off her clothes and using less than circumspect language. But this is only a cartoon. And tonight's other this is only a cartoon. And tought's other adventure, in which Dolly takes her driving test and makes a predictable hash of it, is, give or take an expletive or two, not far removed from family viewing. Let us hope there is another series — Pond Life is sharp enough to deserve one — and that this time it

### 6.00em GMTV (7792505) 9.25 CAPTAIN SIMIAN AND THE SPACE MONICEYS (4637876)

9.50 STEP BY STEP (2688673) 10.20 NEWS (3583586) 10.25 REGIONAL NEWS (3582857)

10.30 FILM: A Stranger in the Mirror (1992) starting Christopher Plummer in a tale of love, rivalry and betrayal (23250586) 12.10pm CARTOON (9210586)

12.20 REGIONAL NEWS (2975811) 12.30 NEWS (T) and weather (9518050) 12.55 SHORTLAND STREET (9593741) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (7) (7102334) 2.00 Home and Away (f) (60513924)

2.25 FILM: A Morn For Christmus (1990) starring Olivia Newton-John. Fantasy about a department-store mannequin that comes to life and fulfils a young gat's wish. Concludes tomorrow (9254499)

3.20 NEWS (T) (7916760) 3.25 REGIONAL NEWS (7915031)

3.30 TOTS TV (6703893) 3.40 The Singing Kettle News (1099654) 3.50 Animaniacs (r) (T) (8608429) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (2819302) 4.15 Fantomat (T) (1895031) 4.40 Art Attack Christmes Cracker (1) (1678505)

5.10 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (7172673) 5.40 NEWS (T) and weather (723673) 6.00 HOME AND AWAY (r) (T) (839296) 6.25 HTV NEWS (T) (461708) 7.00 SPORTSWEEK (8741)



Ken and Denise meet in court (7.30pm)

7.30 CORONATION STREET It's the Ken Barlow v Denise Osbourne clash at County Court (T) (437)

8.00 DES O'CONNOR TONIGHT with guests Gloria Estelan, Boyzone, Joe Pasquale and Portuguese singing sensation Tony Ferrino (alsa comic Steve Coogan) (6499) 9.00 FiLM: Quicksand - No Escape (1991) tarring Donald Sutherland and Tim Matheson. A woman hires a detective to of having an affair. But the corrupt private eye sees an opportunity for blackmall. Directed by Michael Pressman. Con-cludes after the News (T) (9963)

10.00 NEWS (T) and weather (57789) 10:30 REGIONAL NEWS (3829203) 10.40 FILM: Quickward -- No Escape

Conclusion (648963) 11,20 SWIFT JUSTICE (165215) 12.20em FILM: Presumed Guilty (1990) with

Martin Sheen, Carolyn Kava and Brendan Fraser. The true story of a petry criminal wrongly accussed and sentenced to filteen years in jail for murder (640451) 2.10 CYBER.CAFE (5522277) 2.40 Dear Nick (8534816) 3.40 Sound Bites (95980513) 3.50 Football Edra (r) (3041074) 4.30 Time.. The Place (r) (82109) 5.00 Village Show (r) (54884) 5.30 News

As HTV West except: 12.55pm HOME AND AWAY (9593741) 1.25 SIMPLY DELICIOUS AT CHRISTMAS

1.55 A COUNTRY PRACTICE (29527673) 2.20 VANESSA (66913960) 2.50-3.20 OUR HOUSE (3596050) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7172673) 6.25 CENTRAL NEWS (461708) 7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (8741) 11.20 CENTRAL SPORTS SPECIAL (185215)

12.20am BUSHELL ON THE BOX (4476987) 12.55 Film: THE BLUE IGUANA (333780) 2.35 IN FOCUS (1599161) 3.20 CUSTOMS CLASSIFIED (5133258) 4.05 LATE & LOUD (7721277)

### WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except 12.55 CORONATION STREET (9593741) 1.25 MASTERCRAFT (30144302) 1.55 HOME AND AWAY (21150654) 2.25-3.20 MURDER, SHE WROTE (9254499) 5.10-5.40 HOME AND AWAY (7172673) 6,00 WESTCOUNTRY LIVE (86050) 7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (8741)

11.20 A SEASON IN THE SUN (165215) MERIDIAN

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**11.20 THE MERIDIAN MATCH (165215)** ANGLIA As HTV West except: 12.55pm CROSS WITS 19593741) 1.25 HOME AND AWAY (30144302) 1.55 JUSTICE OF THE LAND (21150654) 2.25-3.20 DR QUINN, MEDICINE WOMAN (925499) 5.10-5.40 SHORTLAND STREET (7172673) 6.30 ANGLIA NEWS (925) 7.00-7.30 WHEEL OF FORTUNE (8741) 11.20

MIDWEEK KICK-OFFI (165215)

Starts: 6.30am TAKE FIVE (59234) 7.00 THE BIG BREAKFAST (87505) 9.00 Film: THE GIRL FROM MARS (51198012) 10.40 WHITE FANG (8841128) 11.10 THE PINK PANTHER (8022447) 11.35 DOG CITY (4202550) 11.55 TERRYTOONS (1164147) 12.00 HOUS HOUSE (47302) 12,30pm A BOX FULL OF STORIES (75673) 1.00 SLOT METHRIN (80692) 1.30 FBm: TAKE ME OUT TO THE (8082) 1.30 FBRE TAKE RE2 COT TO THE BALL GAME (53882963) 3.15 THE MONTEL. WILLIAMS SHOW (8328215) 4.00 THE BATTLE FOR RICKETY BRIDGE (166) 4.30 DESPERATELY SEEKING SOMETHING (550) 5.00 5 PUMP (6147) 5.30 COUNTDOWN (302) 6.00 NEWYDDION (453925) 6.05 HENO (840302) 6.35 SION A SIAN (755895) 7.00 POBOL Y CWM (950673) 7.25 CAROLAU O LLANGOLLEN (3765031) 8.30 DARLLEDIAD GWLEIDYDDOL GAN PLAID CYMRU (581012) 8.35 NEWYDDION (704876) 9.05 WANTED (7505) 10.05 BROOKSIDE (764215) 10.40 BLACK BOX (579234) 11.40 CAROLINE IN THE CITY (540692) 12.10em HOMICIDE: LIFE ON THE STREET (4418426)

6.30em TAKE FIVE (59234)

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2.10 FILM: Two Girls and a Sailor (1944, b/w) Musical starring June Allyson, Gloria DeHaven and Van Johnson Directed by Richard Thorpe (82315789)

4.30 COUNTDOWN (550) 5.00 RICKI LAKE(T) (2246321)

5.45 POND LIFE Animated stroom (T) (734960)

6.00 PARTY OF FIVE (T) (374673) 6,55 FRESH POP (791857)

7.00 CHANNEL 4 NEWS (589963) 7.55 THE SLOT (634383)

8.00 BROOKSIDE Nat is devastated by what Georgia has to say and Jackie plucks up the courage to face the neighbours at the school dance (T) (5031)

8.30 WANTED Three pairs of runners are pursued by trackers who are advised from the studio by a former Soviet spy, an SAS-trained soldier and a former head of the Flying Squad. Last in series (29321)

9.30 FILM: Untamed Heart (1993) Cornedy romance starring Marisa Tomel and Christian Slater. A young man who was born with a heart condition and is a virtual mute takes a job in a diner and becomes devoted to a waitress. Directed by Tony Bill (T) (964963)

11.25 POND LIFE Two episodes of the animated sitcom about a Dolly Pond, a woman trying to escape her dreary life (1) (935586)



A profile of Quincy Jones (11.55pm)

11.55 LISTEN UP: The Lives of Quincy Jones Among those paying tribute to the egendary musician in this documentary about his life and work are Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Miles Davis, Barbra Stressand and Ray Charles (36589499) 2.00em DISPATCHES (r) (T) (3696242)

2.50 INVISIBLE ENEMIES Every year in Ne York, 250 babies are born with concenital disappeared years ago, Last in series (r)

3.50-5.30 FILM: Banjo on my Knee (1936, b/w) Musical drama starmg Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea groom leaves his new wife during the recently killed a man in a brawl Directed

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7.00mm Love Convection (4278215) 7.20 Press Your Luck (4298079) 7.40 Jeoperdy. (3415489) 8.10 Hotel (5800295) 9.00 Another World (1507429) 9.45 The Oprah Writtey Show (7103321) 10.46 Real TV 1900-234) 12.00 Germy Jones (20673) 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (49709) 5.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (8760) 6.00 The Irek: The Next Generation (8750) 5-00 (Ne New Adventures of Supermen (82370) 7-00 The Simpsons (6789) 7-30 M\*A\*5\*H (2215). 8-00 Police Stop! 2 (80789) 9-00 The Sible: Samson and Deliah (83876) 11-00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (27147) 12-00 The Next Education (45 pageston (838876) The New Advertures of Supermen (98884) 1.00em LAPD. (44074) 1.30 Real TV (84180) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play (50155)

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Zimbabwe buoyed by England's unimpressive form on eve of inaugural match

# Atherton facing test of leadership

FROM SIMON WILDE IN BULAWAYO

MICHAEL ATHERTON sat in the evening sun yesterday, under the shamiana that will act as the players' pavilion at Queens Club during the inaugural Test match between England and Zimbabwe that starts here today. Perched on top of the terracing cut out of the turf at this picturesque. tree-lined ground, he looked like a potentate, which was an irony in view of the fact that he is facing one of the sternest tests of his three-year tenure as the England cricket

By leading his country for the 36th successive time today. Atherton will break the England Test record he shares with Peter May, but defeat by the newest and weakest Test nation in the world might jeopardise his chances of remaining in power long

TEAMS

enough to fulfil his ambition of having another crack at the Australians next summer.

He refused to accept that this match has more significance than any other Test, but acknowledged equally that it had special importance to the Zimbabwe players, who say they are keener to beat England than any other side. "That is the case the world over," Atherton said. "It is imperialism kicking us in the

Defeat by a country with such a small nucleus of players and with only one win in out of the question, but it no longer is. Losses in the past three weeks to a President's XI. Mashonaland and, in the first one-day international against Zimbabwe, have changed that and altered the morale of both camps.

Of the team that Zimbabwe



David Lloyd, the England coach, watches as Ian Botham, who is assisting the bowlers, makes a point to the players during net practice at Queens Club yesterday

named yesterday, only Henry Olonga, the fastest bowler on either side, has not played a part in one of the touring side's defeats. Both camps also five fine days, there will be a result here.

Britain's imperialist past may have something to do with the fact that the Zimbabweans are so "up for it", but equally potent is the perception that this England team has displayed an arrogant disregard for the task it relations between the sides are cordial.

The decision not to bring in replacement for Dominic Cork, England's leading strike bowler, when he withdrew shortly before the tour began, hinted at complacency, and David Houghton, the Zimbabwe player-coach, has complained that England have not given enough credit to his bowlers when they have talked about their failure to make big scores. That said,

England's problems are not small and they might do themselves a favour by acknowledging that their oppo-nents are a good side who are, in the words of Houghton, playing the best cricket we have played for many years".

One problem not taxing the England management greatly is the selection for the game. Having failed to replace Cork, having taken the decision at an early stage of the tour that would not feature in the Test side, and then having seen Irani break down, they are choosing from only 12 men, though the party will be supplemented by Craig White

next week. It was England's thinking yesterday that the last place in the side, that of third seamer, was a choice between Caddick and Silverwood, who has yet to play in a Test and has

appeared in only three limited-overs matches on this tour. If he does play, he will be the youngest England Test cricketer, at 21 years and nine months, since Mark Lathwell in 1993. By contrast, Zimbabwe's one newcomer is Andy Waller, 37, who has played 30

one day internationals. England are therefore set to play two spinners, Tufnell and Croft, an option not being pursued by Zimbabwe, who took the early decision yester-day to omit Andrew Whittall.

the off spinner, from their original party of 12. The square at Queens Club is reckoned to be the fastest and bounciest in the country, and though that may not be saying much, it should help the faster bowlers early in the day. Alistair Campbell, the Zimbabwe captain, expected to put England in if he won the

Were he to do so, it would be imperative that England survived the first hour in some sort of shape, rather than lose three wickets as they did twice during the defeat by Mashonaland. Atherion believes that, if they can do so and go on to build a total in excess of 400, they can then dictate the game. For that to happen, though, the top six must perform well, which probably means Atherton and

### Mansell's rejection of Jordan flags end of the road

BY OLIVER HOLT

HE STOPPED short of saying that he had retired but Nigel Mansell effectively brought down the curtain on his illustrious Formula One career yesterday. After one last taste of life close to the edge at a test in Barcelona last week, he telephoned Eddie Jordan yesterday morning to turn down the opportunity to compete in a Jordan-Peugeot next season. Mansell had come away

from the Spanish test brimming with enthusiasm and delighted to be back in the limelight after 18 months away from the sport, apparently itching to make a come-back. Ironically, it seems it may have been the influence of Bernie Ecclestone, the man who was put forward as one of the prime movers behind any return, that dissuaded him.

Mansell is believed to have met Ecclestone in London on Monday to discuss his op-tions. After the meeting his enthusiasm had wanted considerably and he made Jordan aware of his decision early yesterday. The Irish team may now turn its attention to Martin Brundle, the Italian, Giancarlo Fisichella, or the Frenchman, Jean-Christophe

Boullion.
"Nigel Mansell in a Williams could have made a nuisance of himself," Eccle-stone said, by way of an epitaph for the career of the 1992 world champion. "But in any other car, he would be really struggling." Mansell, 43, admitted in a statement of that he could no longer devote the time necessary for a hectic season to Formula One given his other commitments.

"The idea of the Barcelona test was originally to have some fun," he said, "but my natural competitive instinct took over very quickly and a return to Formula One with Jordan became a serious possultations with my family and business advisers, I quickly came to realise that my schedule would not permit me to give sufficient time to the Jordan team."

Thorpe rediscovering their

White was officially sum-

moned yesterday to join the

party after the hospital tests on Irani's back on Monday re-

vealed a "hot spot" of inflam-

mation. Irani received an

injection that will prevent him

from bowling for three days,

but the management now

wants to monitor his progress

for at least a week before making a decision on whether

White is holidaying in Australia after the end of the

England A-team tour there and will join the senior team

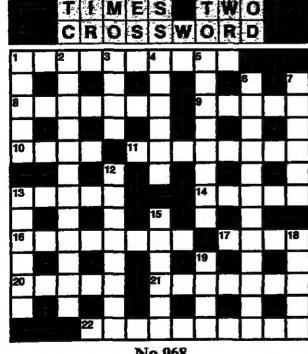
in Harare next Monday, three

days before the start of the

he should return home.

Eddie Jordan, though, still believes Mansell could win races. "He can still be a winner." Jordan said. "but I appreciate the honesty of his decision. The door will always be open for him at Jordan."

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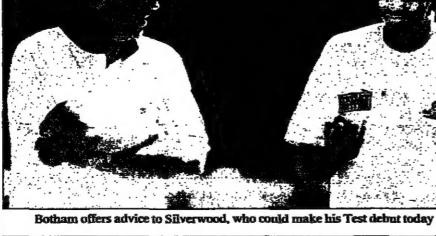
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### Trust hits financial problems BRISTOL City, the Nation-

THE Football Trust is to turn to the FA Premier League and National Sports Council for help in funding work demanded at grounds by the Taylor Report after encountering a financial crisis.

The Trust has been forced to hold back money it had hoped to earmark for stadium work in the lower divisions of the Football League because of the dramatic effect on its income caused by the Nat-

ional Lottery.

Money from the Trust's main sources - the weekly pools and spot-the-ball competitions — has fallen so sharply that it has only £15 million left to allocate for ground improvements until the year 2000.

Richard Faulkner, the Trust vice chairman, said: "It is very serious. We had originally anticipated receiving £200 million out of betting duty between 1990 and 2000 roughly £20 million a year but we've had to revise that figure down to £165 million, of which £150 million has been

### **FA charges Bristol City**

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

City moves afoot

Midweck View ....

points deducted this season

after persistent crowd trouble.

Scott Davidson, the City

chairman, has already dis-

cussed ways of avoiding future

problems during Bristol der-

bies. They include the issuing

of identity cards, the matches

possibly being played behind closed doors and the banning

Joe Jordan, the City manag-

er, said: "It should have been a

great day for the West Coun-

of away fans.

at the Goldstone Ground.

wide League second division club, has been charged by the spokesman, said yesterday. "We thought scenes like this Football Association with failing to control spectators durhad gone away, but, clearly, ing and after the derby match, which was shown live on there is no room for compla television, against Bristol Rovers at Ashton Gate on cency in the fight against football hooliganism." The FA's powers include censure, ground closure or the Sunday. City, who claim they did everything they could to avoid trouble and who will loss of points. Brighton, the bottom club in the Nationwide seek a personal hearing in an attempt to clear their name, third division, have had two have 14 days to respond to the

charge. Trouble flared when Rovers equalised in injury time, sparking a mini-pitch invasion by celebrating Rovers supporters among the crowd of 18,674. Two hundred City supporters also left their seats, in another part of the ground. and ran towards their rivals.

Though stewards and mounted police managed to usher them back, further, more alarming, disturbances occurred after the game had eventually ended in a 1-1 draw. City supporters again spilled on to the pitch, from the same section of the ground, and a number of Rovers players had to beat a hasty retreat to the dressing-rooms to escape.

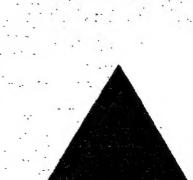
"It is one of the most serious is in Bristol and in the second incidents we have had this division. Instead, everything was overshadowed by what year," Steve Double, an FA

happened. It was disgraceful."
The FA has also asked to see a video of the mass brawl that broke out between players of Norwich City and Crystal Palace in the I-I first division draw at Carrow Road on Saturday, Kevin Muscat and Ray Houghton, the Palace pair, were sent off after peace had been restored.

Dave Bassett, the Palace manager, said he would take disciplinary action within the club if he deemed it necessary after reviewing the incident. The referee could have sent off 14 and abandoned the

game," he said. Derby County are again looking to Europe to strengthen their position in the FA Carling Premiership. Jim. Smith, the Derby manager, has already recruited two Croatians and a Dane and now aims to bring a Swede to

the Baseball Ground. Derby hope to sign Marino Ramberg, a 23-year-old striker, on two months' loan from early January. The Degerfors TF forward is Sweden's young try, a day for showing every-body what good football there



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